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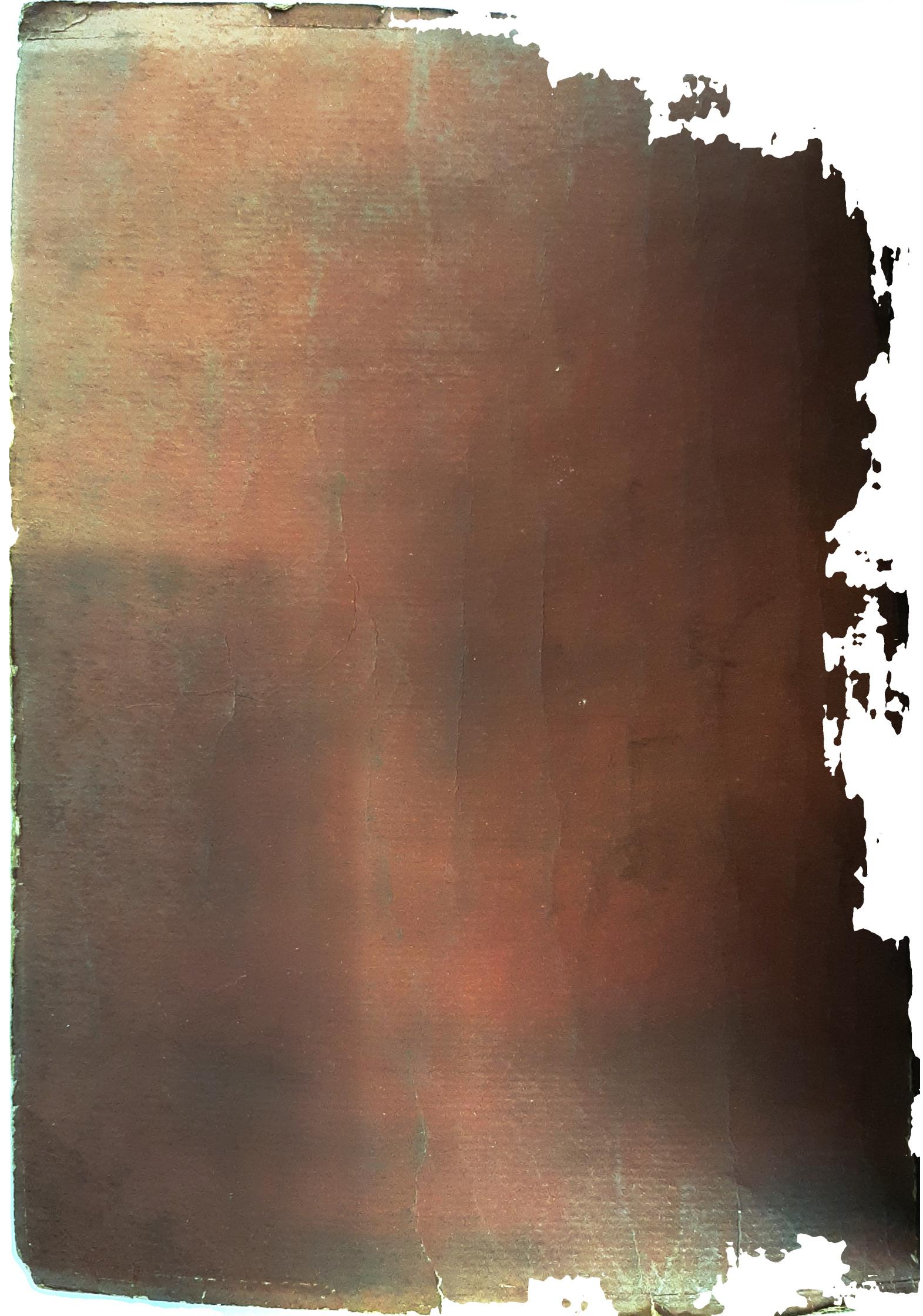
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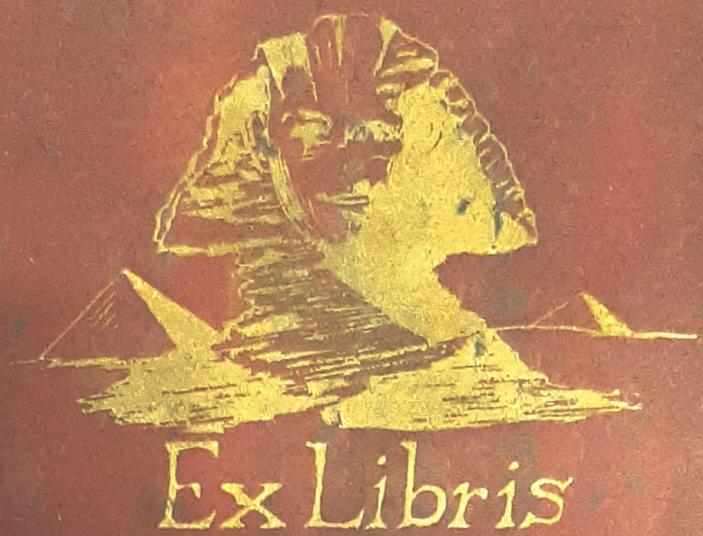
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Of

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May, 1928

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FOR WORD

It has been the previously unmodified custom of the graduating classes of our school to publish a year book, in which the activities of the four classes were treated with equitable recognition.

Early in the fall plans were designed for the publishing of the year book, but, due to certain economic obstacles, the plans were unsuccessful. However, in order to conform to the prevailing mode and also to keep intact those memories of our Senior year in Benton Township High School, we produce a book that is new in composition and appearance---The Your Book.

The staff wishes to thank those who have in any manner cooperated in the formation of this book. If it does not fulfil expectations, we pray that you be considerate. We have done our best.

With the most sincere hope that the product of our efforts meets with your approval we conscientiously submit The Your Book.

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Dedication

As an humble expression of gratitude for all they have done to make our High School life memorable, we, the Senior Class, dedicate our Year book to

Mary Hart

Helen Hochhalter

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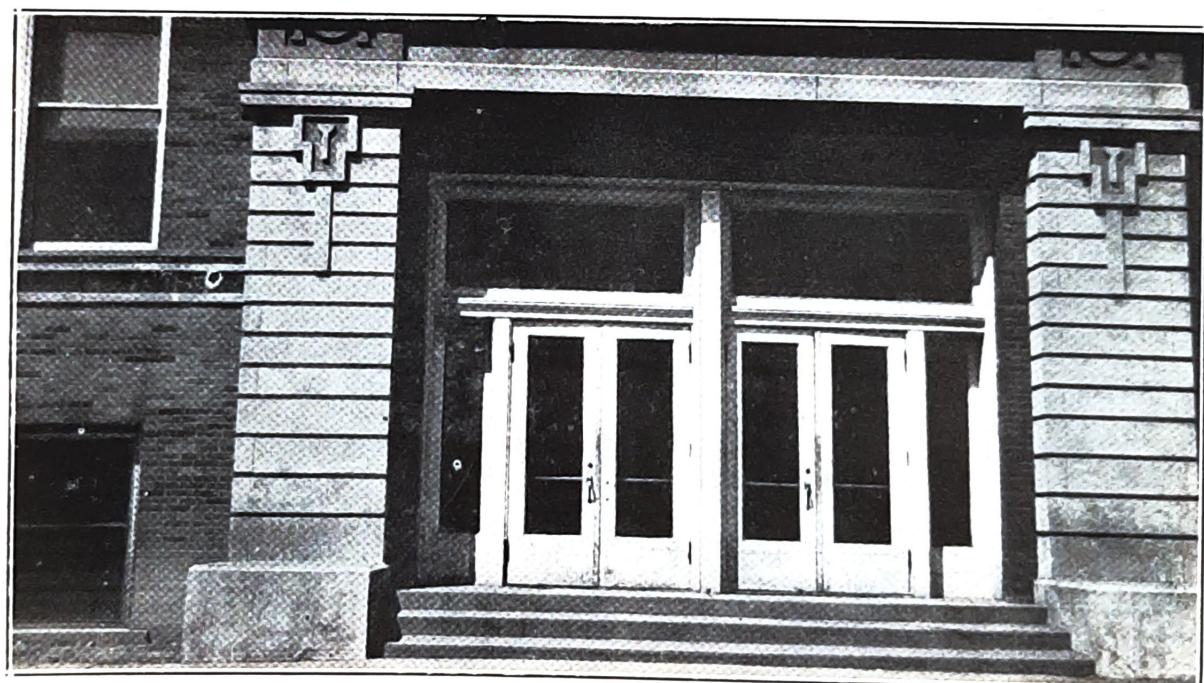
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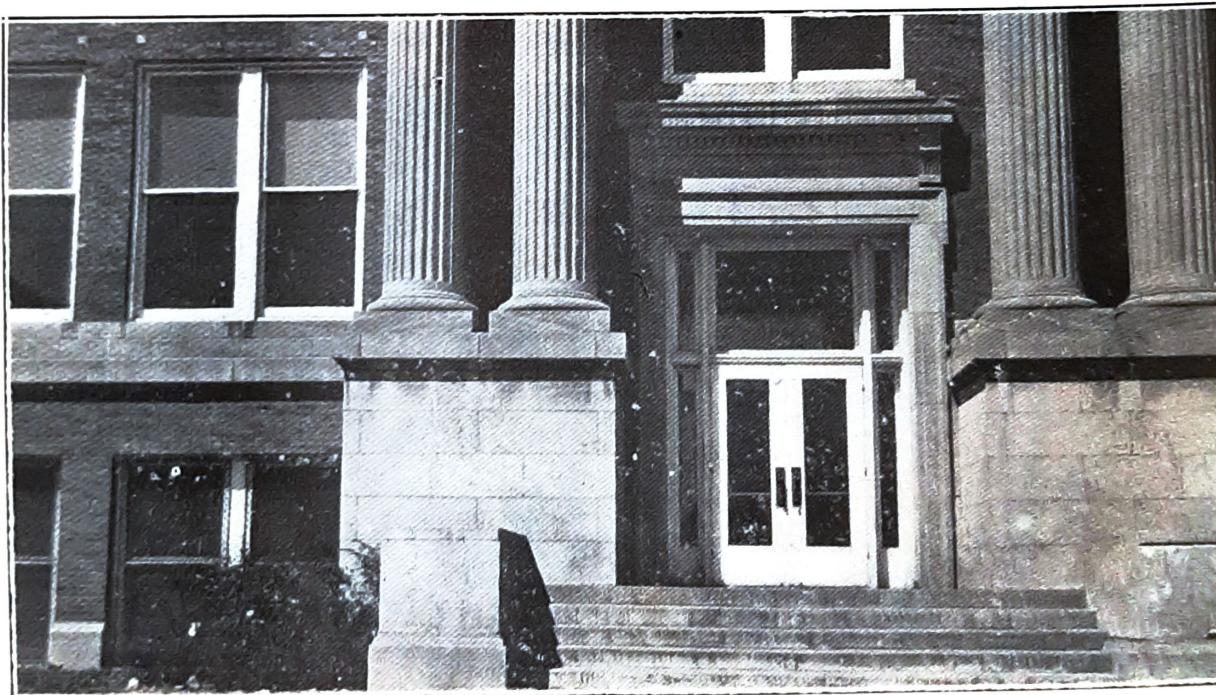
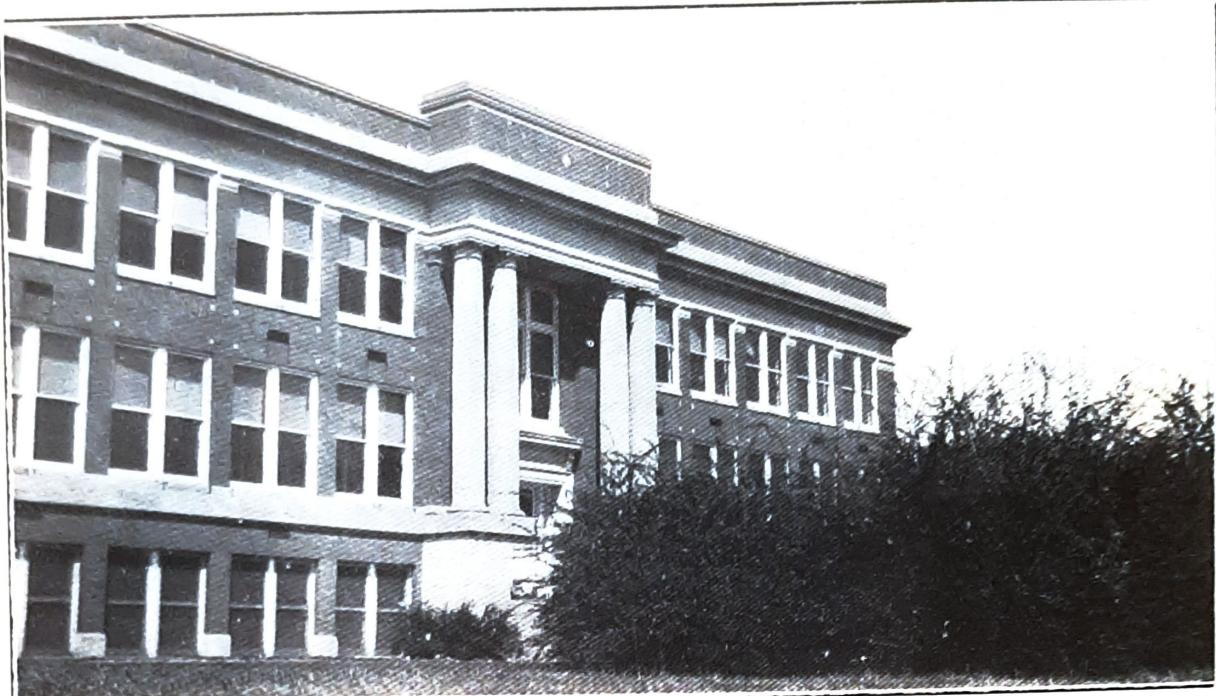
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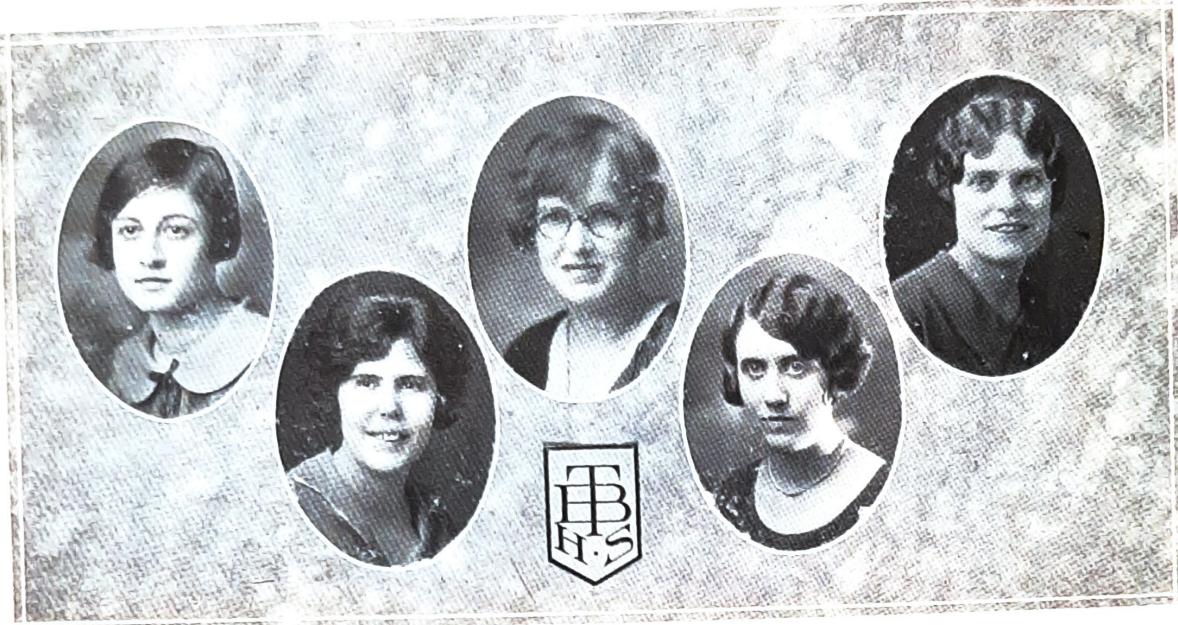
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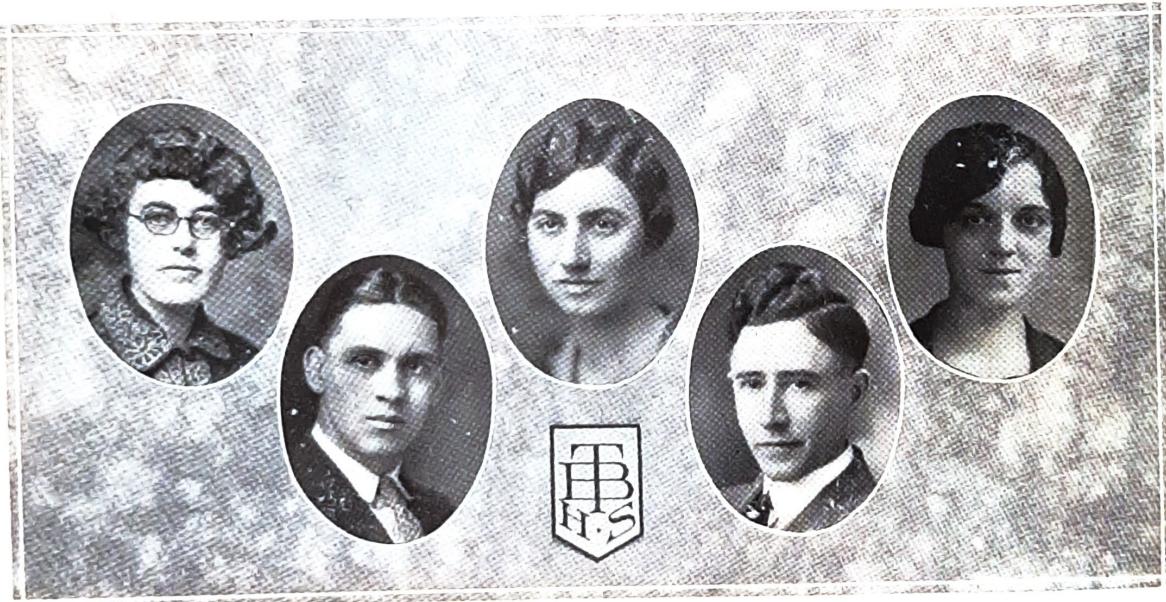
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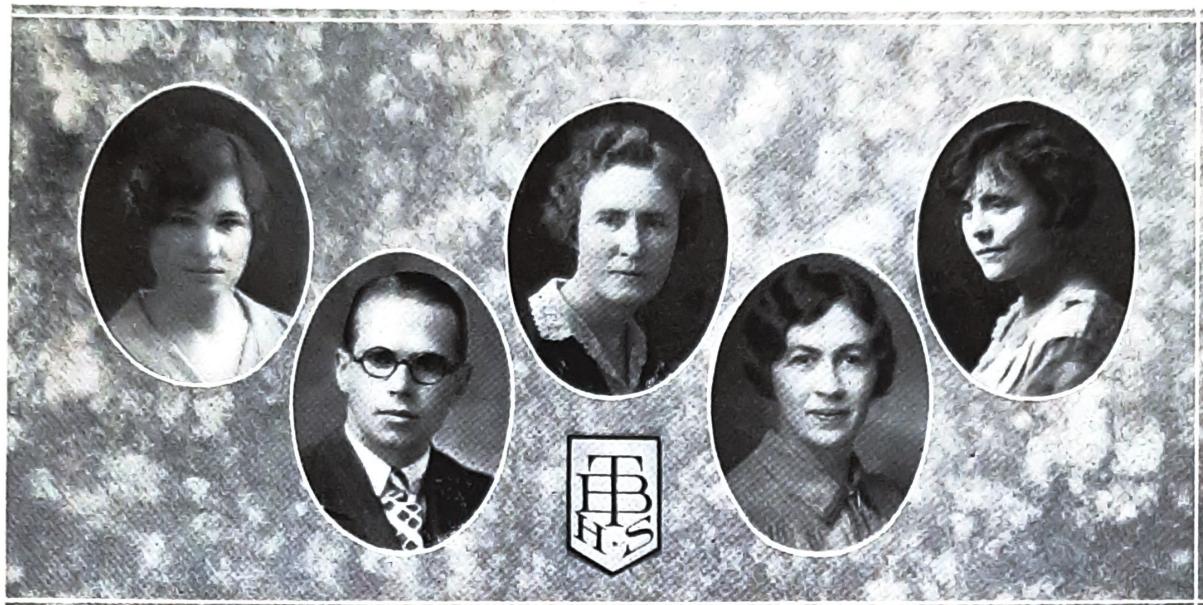
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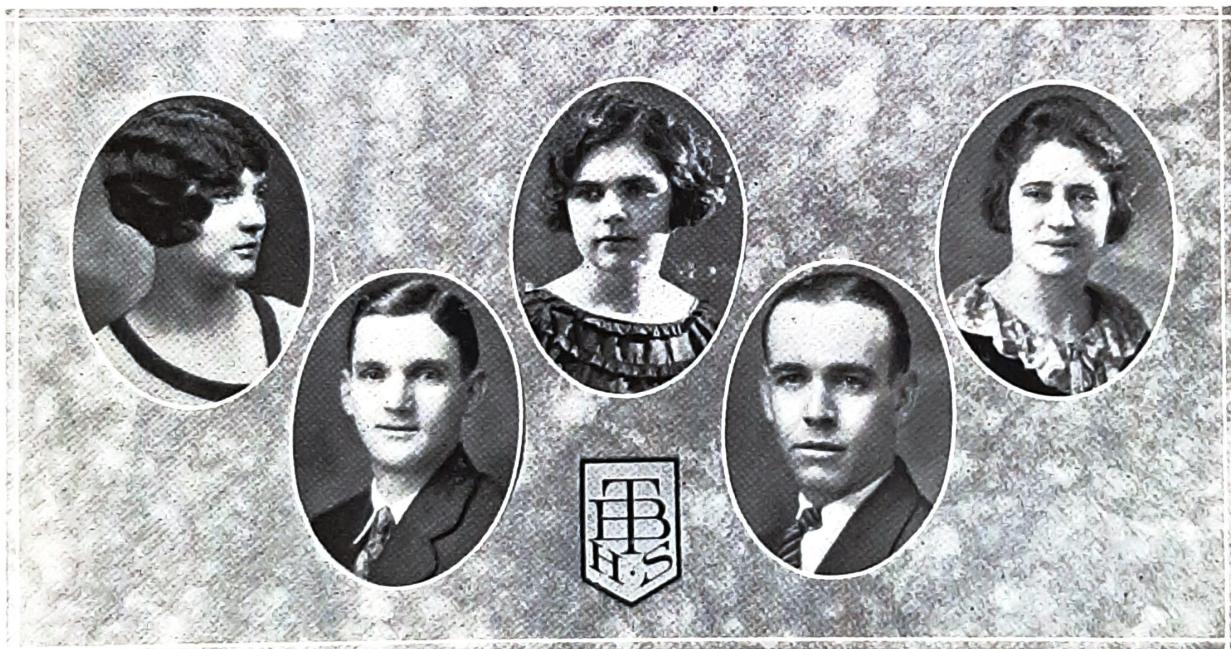
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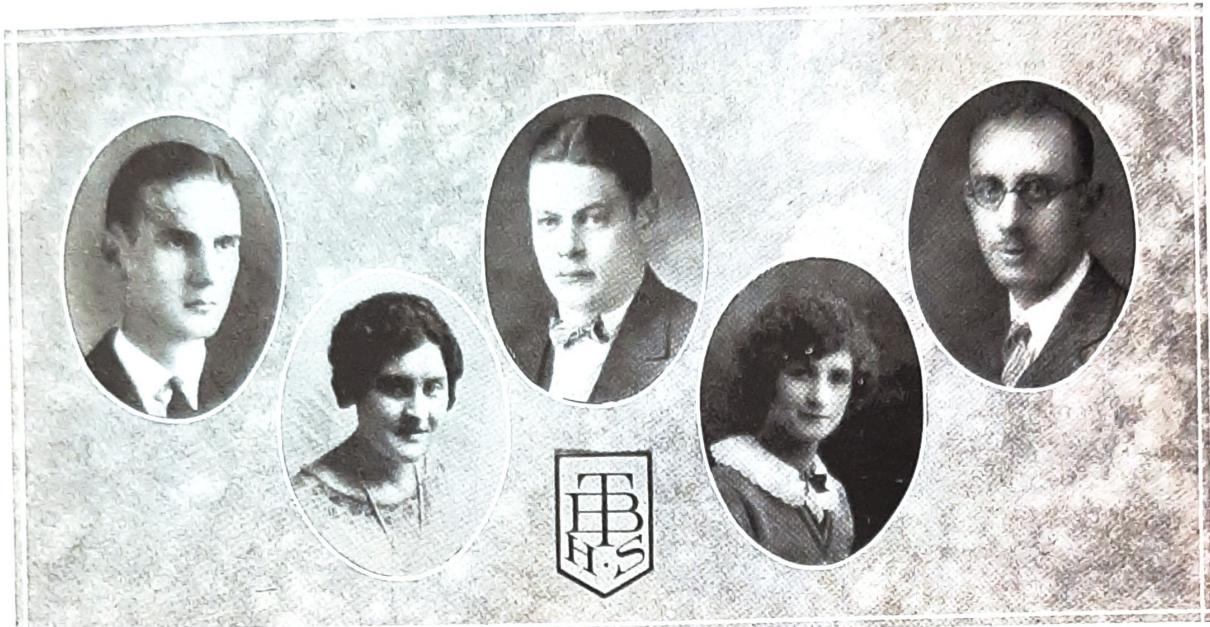


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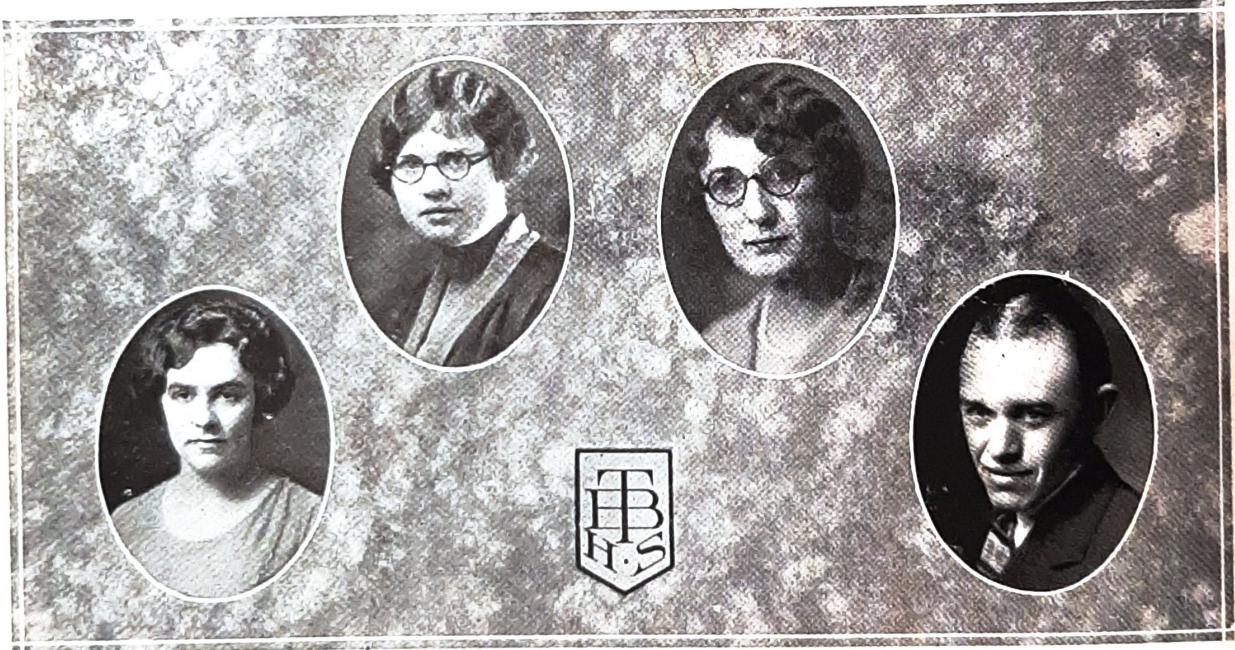
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Carmen Brown *Liz*

When a Feller Needs a Friend, 2; Shuinala Camp Fire, 2; The Whole Town's Talking, 3; Good Medicine, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3.

James Eskew *Jim*

John Taylor

Hi-Y Secretary, 3; Hi-Y Induction Team, 2, 3, 4.

Gertrude Kraft *Gertie*

The Whole Town's Talking; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Belle of Barcelona; Wiloha Camp Fire, 2, 3, 4.

Bonnie Ingiam

Wiloha Camp Fire, 2; The Whole Town's Talking, 3; Stray Cats, 4; Senior Silliment; G.A.A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Constitution Oratorical Contest, 4.

Paul Ewing *Cow Boy*

Hoodooed Coon, 2; Hi-Y, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y President, 3; Band, 2, 3; Orchestra, 2, 4; Track, 3; Class Basketball, 3, 4; Football Manager, 3, 4; Saxophone Quartet, 4; Folderol, 4; Senior Silliment, 4.

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Regina Hill

Ewing, 1, 2; The Whole Town's Talking, 3; Senior Silliment, 4; French Club, 4; Debating Club, 3, 4; Press Club, 3, 4.

Gwen Wynn *Breezes*

Football, 2, 3; Class Basket-ball, 3, 4; Hi-Y Club; Track, 2, 3, 4; Band, 3, 4; Folderol, 4; Saxaphone Quartet, 4.

Helen Stilley

Press Club, 3, 4; French Club, 4; Senior Silliment, 4; Shorthand Team, 4.

Thomas Rotramel *Tom*

When A Feller Needs A Friend, 2; The Whole Town's Talking, 3; Stray Cats, 4; Hi-Y, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y President, 4; Senior Class President, 4.

Alan Erwin *Nailor*

Marion Tp. High School, 1; Basket-Ball, 3; Your Book Staff; Hi-Y, 3.

Junior Hill

Ewing, 1, 2; Debating Club, 3, 4; Press Club, 3; Boys Glee Club, 3; Rings in the Sawdust, 3; Folderol, 4; Southern Illinois Debate, 4.



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Janet Anderson

Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3; Camp Fire, 2; Belle of Barcelona, 2; Rings in the Sawdust, 3; Lady Frances, 3.

Meredith Dobry *Meredo*

Football, 2,3,4; Basketball, 3,4; Track, 2,3,4; When a Feller Needs a Friend, 2; Belle of Barcelona, 2; Rings in the Sawdust, 3; Class Secy.-Treas., 3; Echo, 3.

James Campbell *Presto*

Beulah Johnson

Home Ec. Club; Girls' Athletic Association.

Earle Dillon

Belle of Barcelona, 3; Latin Club.

James Dollins *Jim*

Glee Club, 3.

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Eva Zutell *Pinky*

Glee Club, 2; G.A.A., 2; The Far Away Princess, 4; Christopher High School, 1,2.

Arlie Bain

Your Book Staff; Manual Arts Club, 2.

Beulah Phemister *B*

Senior Silliment, 4; Goreville Tp. High School, 3; The Winning of Joy, 3; Deacon Dubles, 3.

Lenore Clayton

Latin Club.

Linda Ruemmler

Latin Club.

Willard Hughes *Buster*

Ag. Club; Science Club; Ag. Judging Team; Latin Club.



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Pauline Taylor *Puala*

Camp Fire, 3,4.

Harry Hamilton

Press Club, 3,4; Debating Club, 1;
Orchestra, 2,3,4; Band, 3.

Mabel M. Moore

Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3,4; Camp Fir
2; Debating Club, 2.

Lotta Mae Knowles *Benny*

Bulbul, 1; The Belle of Barcelona,
2; Camp Fire

Helen H. Williams *Nell*

Edward Whaley *Eddie*

Typing Contest, 4.

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Maude Kearney *Mud*

The Belle of Barcelona, 2; Rings in the Sawdust, 3; Junior Quartet; Senior Quartet.

Dennis Clinton

Latin Club, 2,3; Band, 1,3,4; Debating Club, 2,3,4; Hi-Y, 4; Quartet, 3,4; Debating Team, 3,4; Rings in the Sawdust, 3; Cleopatra, 3; Senior Silliment, 4; Folderol, 4; Orchestra; Boys Glee Club, 3.

Rhea Palmer *Matilda*

Home Ec. Club, 1,2,4; G. A. A., 1,2,3; Wiloha Camp Fire, 2,3,4.

Clara Stone

G. A. A., 1; Latin Club, 3; Debating Club, 3,4.

Beulah Ligon

Home Ec. Club, 1, 2, 3; Latin Club, 2; Glee Club, 3.

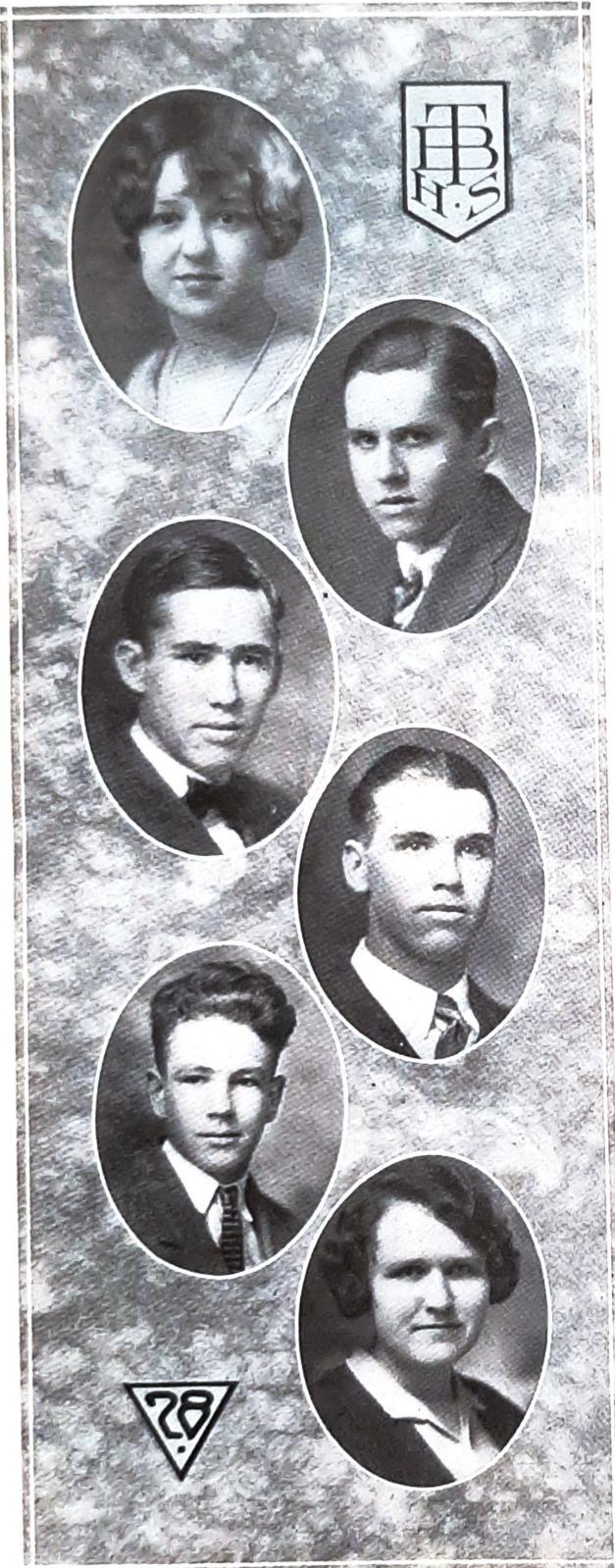
Berton Bauer *Mike*

Ag. Club.



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Laura Mandrell *Brownie*
An Afflicted Man, 4; French Club.

Loren Frost *Frostie*
Logan, 1, 2, 3; Basketball, 2, 3.

Paul Burton *Pete*

Lewis Manis *Slim*
Basketball, 2; League Basketball, 1;
Class Basketball, 4; Manual Arts Club,
2.

Lester Doty
Track, 3,4; Football, 3,4.

Dorothy Ligon
Home Ec. Club, 1,2,3.

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Irene Hemphill

G.A.A, 1,2,3,4; Camp Fire, 2,3,4; French Club Secy., 4; When a Feller Needs a Friend; Vice President of Class, 3; Your Book Staff; President G.A.A., 4; Latin Club, 2,3; Athletic Teams, 1,2; Humorous Reading Contest, 4.

Paul Swofford

Band, 1,2,3,4; Orchestra, 2,3; Freshman Play; Hi-Y Club, 3,4; Football, 3, 4; Basketball, 4; Track, 3,4.

Leona G. Ferguson

Camp Fire, 2,3,4.

Bobbie V. Armstrong

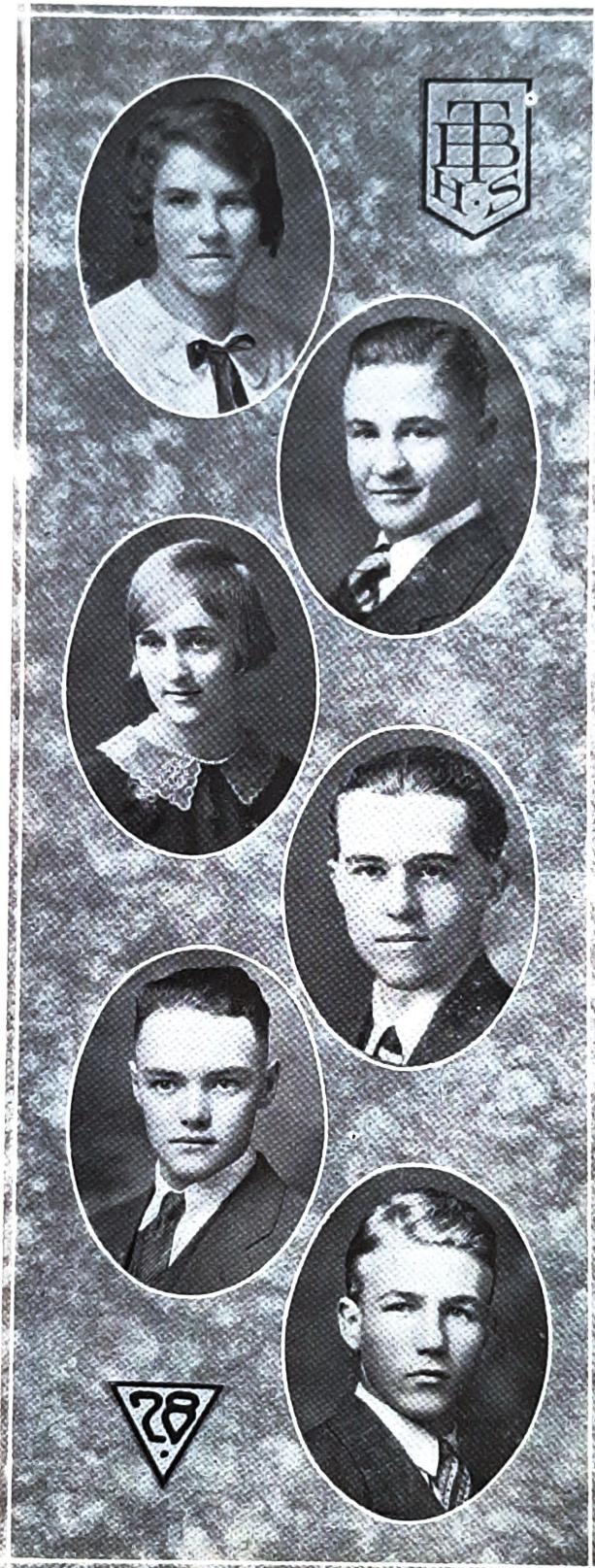
Debating Club, 3,4; Club President, 4; Debating Team, 3,4; Press Club, 3,4; Editor of Echo, 4; Extemporaneous Speaking, 3,4; Stray Cats, 4; Folderol, 4; Rings in the Sawdust, 3; Latin Club, 2,3.

Royal Mundell *Roy*

Agriculture Club, 1.

John Henry Phillips

Football, 2,4; Ag. Club, 1,2; Track, 4; Vice-President, 2; Senior Silliment; Secy -Treas. of Senior Class; When a Feller Needs a Friend.



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Marie Rice

Shuinala Camp Fire; Home Ec. 1;
Lady Frances, 3; French Club, 2.

Clarence Parkhill

Thompsonville, 1,2,3.

Mary Wiiki

Clinton High School, Clinton, Ind.,
1,2; Ionian Debating Club, 1,2; Secretary
Treasurer Freshman Class; Blue
Triangle, 1,2.

Jean Williams

Fairbury Tp. High School, 1,2,3;
Glee Club, 2,3; Royal Order of Health,
2; Shorthand Typing Team, 4.

Lida Martin

Home Ec. Club, 1, 2; Debating Club,
2; The Far Away Princess, 4; Sarasota,
Florida, 3; Poetry Club, 3; Humorist's
Club, 3.

Bert Phillips

Track 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Orchestra 2,
4; Latin Club 2, 3; Music Club, 2; Tennis
Club, 3; Press Club, 4; Folderol, 4; Evening
News Correspondent, 4.

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Margaret Runnels

Orchestra, 2, 3; G. A. A., 2, 3; French Club, 2; When a Feller Needs a Friend, 2; Tennis Club, 3, 4.

Charles Moore *Dick*

Class Editor, 2; Basket Ball, 3; League Basket Ball, 1, 2; Class Basket Ball, 4; Track, 2.

John P. Paulavish *Little Trotsky*

B. T. H. S. Quartet, 3, 4; Operetta 4; Senior Silliment, 4; An Afflicted Man, 4; Senior Debating Team; Hi-Y, 3, 4.

Alice Britton

Ewing, 1, 2, 3; My Son Arthur, 2; When East Meets West, 2.

Josephine Swofford

G. A. A., 1, 2, 3; Bulbul; French Club; Trying Them Out.

Harold Perry

Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y, 3, 4; Belle of Barcelona, 2; Manual Arts Club.



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Lena Flach *Lou*

Latin Club, 2,3; Commercial Contest, 4.

Otto Biggs *Ot*

Oesco Biggs *Bosco*

Bessie Nangle *Billie*

Mary Francis Mc Kee

Home Ec. Club, 1; G. A. A., 2; Wohelo Camp Fire; The Whole Town's Talking, 3.

Addison Blair

Hi-Y, 4.

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Louise Crawford *Lou*

When a Feller Needs a Friend, 2;
Stray Cats, 4; Wohelo Camp Fire, 3;
Latin Club; Home Ec. Club, 1.

Irving Trombly *Buck*

Class President, 2,3; When a Feller
Needs a Friend, 2; The Whole Town's
Talking, 3; Stray Cats, 4; Football, 3;
Echo Staff, 3; Hi-Y, 2,3; Editor of The
Your Book, 4.

Thurlow Bannister *Banty*

Football Manager, 4; Basketball
Manager, 4; Echo Staff, 3; Stray Cats,
4; Interclass Basketball, 4.

Helen Morris

Wohelo Camp Fire; Home Ec. Club,
1,2; Press Club, 3,4; When a Feller
Needs a Friend.

Myretta Smith

Camp Fire; G. A. A.

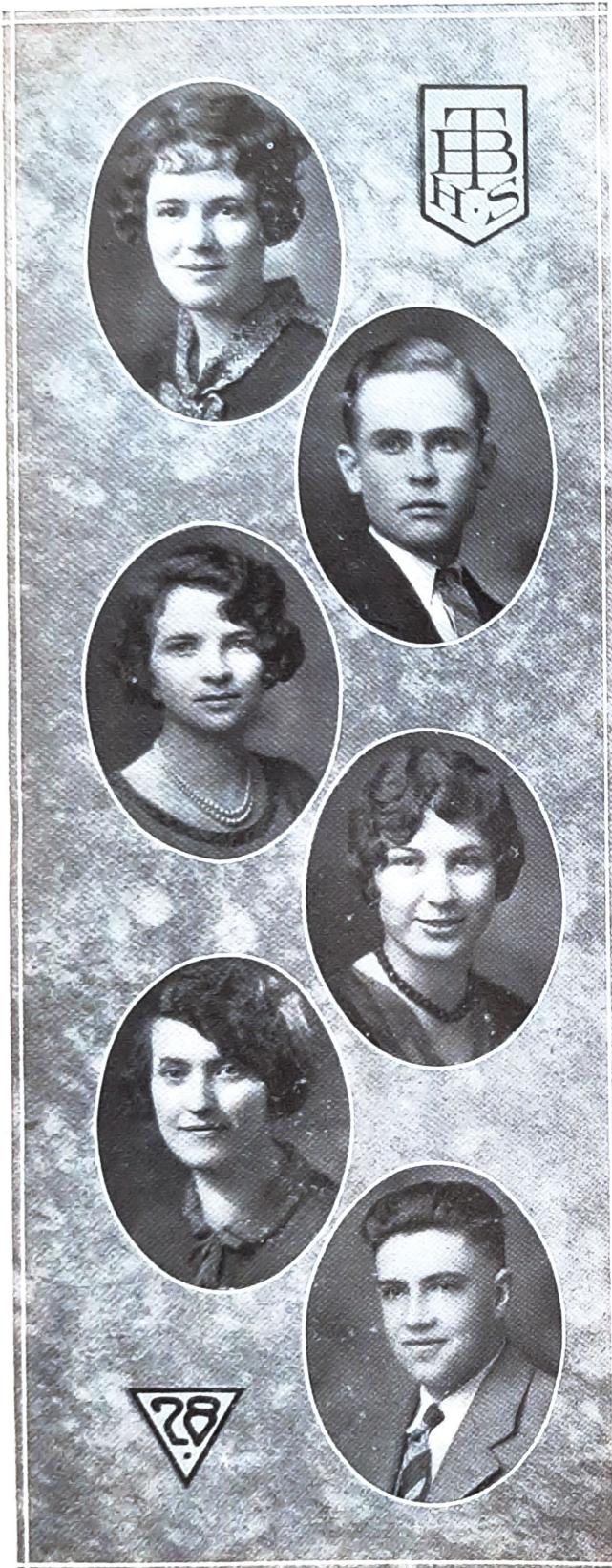
Wayne Samuels *Teenie*

Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Football, 1,2,3,
4; Football Captain, 4.



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Thelma Hayes

Girls Baseball, 1,2; Volley Ball, 2,3, 4.

Max Bayless

Class Vice President, 4; Debating Club, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 3; Hi-Y President, 4; Boys' Quartet, 3, 4; Debating Team, 4; Track, 3,4; The Belle of Barcelona, 2; Rings in the Sawdust, 3; The Whole Town's Talking, 3; Cleopatra, 3; The Afflicted Man, 4; Good Medicine, 4; Folderol.

Myrne Wilson *Billie*

Mary Doty

Debating Club, 3; Girls' Glee Club, 3; Shuinala Camp Fire.

Pearl Neunlist

Logan, 1, 2, 3; Mr. Bob, 3; President, Lowell Society, 3.

Charles Frye *Two Ton*

Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y, 2, 3, 4; Belle of Barcelona, 2; Rings in the Sawdust, 3; The Hoodooed Coon, 3; Folderol, 4; Manual Arts Club, 2; Glee Club, 3.

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William Ingram *Bill*

When a Feller Needs a Friend, 2;
The Whole Town's Talking, 3; Latin
Club, 2; Football, 1,2,3,4; Class Basket-
ball, 4; Hi-Y, 4.

Louis Eovaldi

Track, 4.

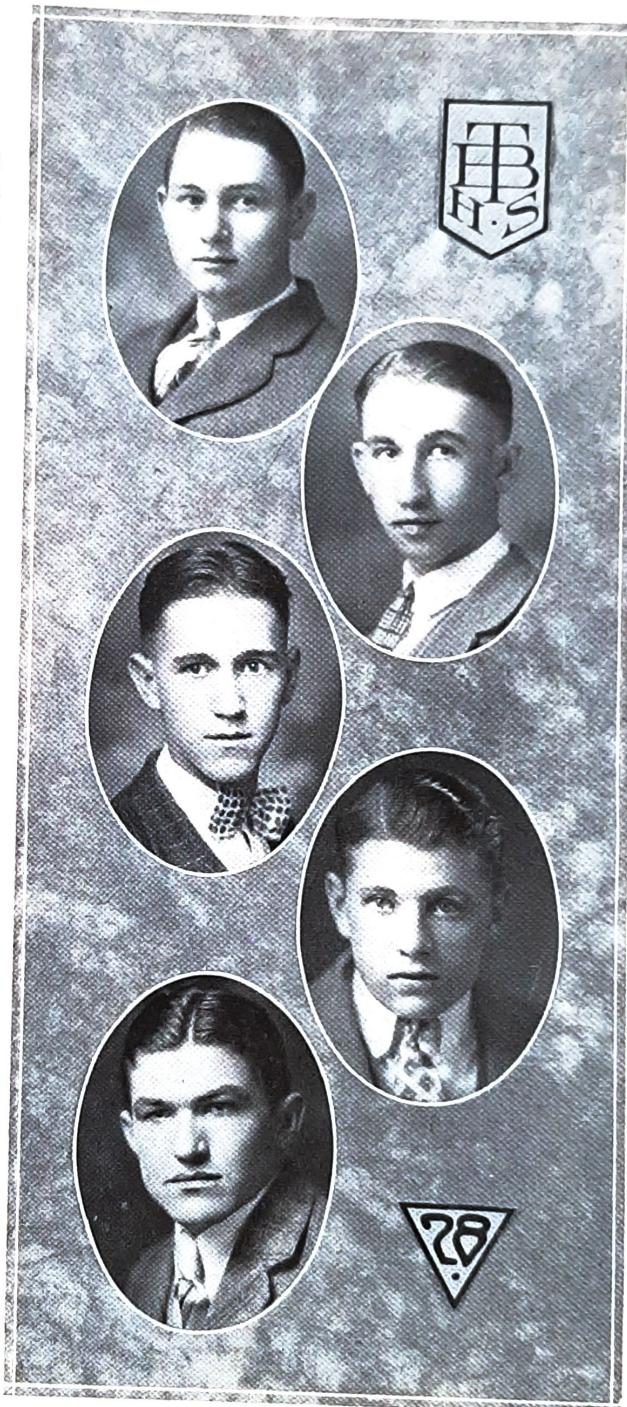
Joe K. Neal

Intellectual, 2, 3; Class Basketball,
3, 4.

Ross Briley

Robert V. Doty *Bob*

Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Football, 1,2,3,
4; Track, 1,2,3,4; President of Class, 1;
Student Council, 1; Ag. Club, 1,2.



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Seniors

John Hodge

Old father sun arose with a sigh,
But jumped up startled at what was nigh.
Out of the west came trooping,
Green freshmen bold and strong,
In their hearts there was a quaking,
But on their lips a song.
Their eyes were wide with wonder,
Their footsteps quick with joy.
Their souls were filled with gladness
As a child with a favorite toy.
But old father sun quickly stilled
As the recruits of knowledge swayed,
Because of these sights he had his fill,
For he had watched them day by day.
Old father sun was sinking into the glowing west
Like a giant, feathery condor awing on his way to
his nest.
But he raised his radiant headpiece
To look at them below,
And there he spied in all their peace
Seniors, dignified, row on row.
Their faces were lit with wondering light
And all the world they know
At last they have gloriously conquered;
They are free to go their way;
Now they must succeed or wither
Theirs must be work, no play.
Old father sun then bowed with a sigh,
A glistening tear drop in his eye.
Four years he had guarded early and late
This Senior class of twenty-eight.

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Bonnie Ingram

Most Popular Girl

We wish to say that Bonnie's popularity has come only from her charming personality. She has been very active in her school work, but has never been too busy to speak to whomever she saw.

Such popularity must be respected.

Robert V. Doty

Most Popular Boy

We do pay tribute to Robert V. Doty as the best high school football and basketball man in the state, and the most popular fellow in the Senior Class

Such popularity must be deserved.

We wish to here pay our thanks to Frank Hickman whose title, "The Your Book," was chosen from among a number of those submitted by Seniors.

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PROPHECY



Bur-r-r—what's that?—only the engine. My dirigible, "Senior," was traveling at a terrific rate of speed—almost 15 miles an hour. The sun was sunning, the clouds were cloudy and the rain was raining water. My plane was humming merrily over the lost land of Doodledell when I heard a mournful cry of pain, terror, and heart grief. Looking up, I beheld a monstrous, feathery angel looking solemnly at me.

There was something familiar in that homely countenance—when it spoke I knew—it was Harold Perry of '28. Poor boy he couldn't help it. Marie Rice had jilted him and he had assassinated himself. He told me he came from two regions—upper and lower, and was to tell me of the Seniors of '28 of B. T. H. S. I called my steward with his better half and the shining mug of Edward Whaley and Pearl Neunlist appeared to write it down. Here it is—

"I have just come from the Land of Eternal Tire. Down there I have seen this record—Alan Erwin was called the eternal sheik and finally ended as a bell boy in the hotel of Mary Wiiki where he married Ballet dancer, Mary F. McKee. Carmen Brown lost her voice yelling at her hubby, Frank Hickman and Frank divorced her for the dazzling star, Roberta Stewart, of "Hash House Hula." Carmen is now keeping a house for singing mice. Dennis Clinton and Royal Mundell were arrested for stealing Thurlow Bannister's and Clara Stone's red locks for the bull fighters, Junior Hill and John Taylor. Bobbie Armstrong and Thelma Clinton are dancing the Spanish Tango for Meredith Dorby's "Without Women Shows." Paul Swofford and John Henry Phillips are divorce lawyers in Paris. Their latest case is Freeda Williams, famous bird imitator, and Addison Blair, a Hungarian horse doctor. Fat Frye, Velma Ward and Casey Sims are dancing the "Dance of the Nymphs" in Buckner at the Cocoanut Ranch of Thomas

Rotramel where Orville Potter and John Paulavish are employed as monkeys to throw the nuts down to Joe K. Neal, the silver tongued orator and Paul Burton, jazz singer, who catch them in their mouths and crack them with their teeth. Doctor Gwen Wynn declares that he intends to invent a wireless bug destroyer that will do away with all insects like Paul Ewing, the tight wire walker of Seser. Listen to this, Buck Trombly, corn-bread King, is the proud father of thirteen children, and Lou Crawford, former street car conductor, his wife, is very happy after naming the last arrival Charley. Max Bayless and Juanita Dorris are working as nursemaids in a flea factory for fools, supervised by the Arch-nut James Eskew. Lewis Manis and Homer Jones, are exhibition balloon ascension demonstrators on the Runga Island and Manis has never been high enough yet to get his feet off the ground. Homer got lost in a cloud and has never returned. Irene Hemphill, Rhea Palmer are Six Day Bicycle riders at Logan and Irene managed to get sixteenth place in a race with seventeen entries. Osco and Otto Biggs had a fight over who was who and are now raving maniacs in Bob Doty's Bug house, where he has such guests as Wayne Samuels, who went crazy trying to graduate from the B. T. H. S. Otha Harper is also in a padded cell. Poor boy he was disappointed in love when Farmer Taylor, Applesauce Maker, ran away with his wife, Regina Hill, a dress-colorer of Negnal. Bill Ingram, skinney man of Chas. Moore's Olympic has gained two pounds in the last week and now weighs seven hundred sixty pounds. Chas. intends to employ Ruth Waller in his place. Mabel Johnson, Maude Kearney, Leona Ferguson, Thelma Hays and Nannie Reed are artist models for Louis Eovaldi and Bert Phillips, assisted by Clarence Parkhill, speed King, and Arlie Bain, toe dancer of Seaport. Janet Anderson and Ross Briley are competitors for the Lick Skillet one hundred yard Championhip dash, while Alice Britton, jumping mate of Lenore Clayton, is trying for the two-

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twenty low hurdles. Berton Bauer, Geo. Buntin, and James Campbell, under the coaching of Lester Carraher are trying to set a new record for the swimming of the English Channel. They may in time make food for fishes. James Cox takes the part of Mac in Macbeth and Doris Dillon plays Beth, with Loren Frost as the Spirit. Earle Dillon is teaching the Indians the art of drinking—soda pop. James Dollins and Lester Doty are playing the part of Topsy and Eva in "Uncle Tom's Milkwagon," with Mary Doty and Laen Flack as the hounds. Minnie Fraulini is up before the Sneakout Court for giving rat poison to Laymond Gaither, and Laymond refuses to die and is suing for Breeches of Promise. Henry German and Harry Hamilton are the world's contender's for the Heavy-weight wrestling contest to be held in Willard Hughes' famous Arena. The referee for this contest is the famous bug doctor, Bonnie Ingram. Beulah Johnson and Felix Knight were happily married by the Reverend Marvin McAllister last evening and Felix intends even to cook supper every night. Lotta Knowles, Beulah and Dorothy Ligon are steady boarders in the home for feeble minded, run by Gertrude Kraft, also feeble-minded. Laura Mandrell, Lida Martin, and Malvern May are running a Matrimonial agency and have as a steady customer Maggie Moleski who had been refused twelve times because of her feet. Mabel Moore and Helen Morris are in John Taylor's hospital for mental defectivitys. They ate peanuts in bed and were shell shocked. Irene Frier, Alice

Nance, and Bessie Nangle give vocal lessons for the deaf and dumb and the most promising pupil is Hazel Overturf who can sing two notes, Edith Paxton is advertising Henna Hair Oil for the Quillman and Chemister "Hen Houses." Mildred Reynolds and Linda Rummler are chief cook in Paul Slaton's new "Punk Pigeon Potage" of Princeton. Myretta Smith and Farrel Sneed are jointly writing a novel entitled "His and Her Minute." This book will be published by Naomi Sneed, former juice-harp champion. Helen Stilley and Forrest Swofford are selling Swofford's Face Clay, manufactured by Josephine Swofford. They use Pauline Taylor as a subject because she looks darling with her face covered. Chas. Lee Teague tried to buy the Governor of the State but was caught by that wide-asleep constable, Eugene Ward, who took the place of that prune eater woman sheriff, Elizabeth Tucker. Fay Warren, Opal Wilderman, Helen Williams and Jean Williams are singing lullaby songs to the Polar bear cubs of Siberia. Their voice freezes before it reaches outside and all agony is spared. Myrne Wilson is blacking boots in the Runnels Hat Works and earns almost twelve cents a day. She'll be rich some day maybe—free-hearted Margaret. Eva Zutell is the head of an orchestra in Bonnie. It is composed of a piano and a French harp and she plays both—"Oh! Gosh, wha—zat,—Oh Caesar! A green Freshman stuck a pin in the gas bag and—Bang!—Goodby forever. Please play "Home Sweet Home" because I'm coming to join my comrades below."

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Last Will And Testament

We, the Staff, being in sound state of mind and body, do hereby make this the last will and testament of the 1928 Senior Class of Benton Township High School. By this will of said class we give, devise, convey, bequeath, warrant, quit claim, as follows, to-wit: First we desire that the payment of all our debt and charges, just, unjust, legal, illegal or otherwise, be left unpaid.

Second, to the following we bequeath such things as would in our mind, be beneficial.

To:

Miss Morrison—A bright "Trig" class.
Miss Kinneman—"Wuxtree" edition of Echo.
Miss Hochhalter—A megaphone to demand order.
Miss Sense—A pair of Kumback scissors.
Miss Hill—Smaller servings and thinner milk.
Miss Arends—Peace.
Miss Kittenger—A Samson for a husband.
Mr. Newton—Flirtatious attitude.
Miss Maloy—A position in grand opera.
Miss Reed—Billy club for 8:25 A. M. patrol.
Mr. Melton—A harem.
Miss Colcord—More Latin students.
Miss Blackard—An ugly temper.
Miss Long—A foot more of height.
Mr. McKone—Our sincere gratitude.
Mr. Natho—Two more hatcheries.
Miss Ditto—A young gentleman without a mustache.
Mr. Hanna—A song entitled "Pass To Your Third Hour Class."
Miss Hargrove—Standardized schedule.
Miss Huntington—A Wandering Jew.
George Moore—A position as physical instructor in a course for females.
Mr. Armentrout—A Millikan-Gale text book in Chemistry and Physics.
Mrs. Armentrout—"Little Willie."
Miss Vance—An adding machine.
Miss Brown—A new Oakland Cabriolet.
Miss Hart—"Perfect Motoring."
Miss Herschbach—As good a senior class next year as this.
Mr. Moore—Some new jokes.
Mr. Tabor—More sarcasm.
Mr. Smith—A new baby boy to even things up.
Miss Seymour—More daily tests for Seniors.

To:

Bob Armstrong—A new and more memorable oration.
Royal Mundell—A Kroger Store.
Helen Morris—A cook.
Alice Nance—A pair of knickers.
Bessie Nangle—Solitude.
Joe Neal—A red-headed mama.
Pearl Neunlist—A blue permit.
Hazel Overturf—Talkative habits.
Rhea Palmer—A chance at Eddie Whaley.
Clarence Parkhill—Knowledge.
John Pete Paulavish—Ambition.

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Edith Paxton—Various things.
Harold Perry—A physics credit.
Bert Phillips—Silence powders.
Alice Quillman—A date with Gwen Wynn.
Mildred Reynolds—Water colors.
Thomas Rotramel—More dollars and sense.
Linda Ruemmler—A love letter.
Margaret Runnels—Typing speed.
Casey Sims—A company flunkie.
Paul Slaton—Bow and arrow.
Myretta Smith—A better line.
Farrel Sneed—An umbrella and pair of rubbers.
Naomi Sneed—A bottle of salts.
Roberta Stewart—Clothes.
Helen Stilley—An actress's career.
Clara Stone—Henna.
Paul Swofford—A short-cut to West Church Street.
John Phillips—Juanita's attention.
John Taylor—More special delivery letters.
Chas. Teague—Shorter hours and more tips.
Elizabeth Tucker—Weight.
Velma Ward—A screw-driver.
Fay Warren—A crossword puzzle.
Mary Wiiki—More A's.
Opal Wilderman—Bashfulness.
Freeda Williams—A Lincoln sedan.
Edward Whaley—Some of the things that make a wildcat wild.
Helen Williams—A billy-goat.
Myrne Wilson—A good-looking Sophomore.
Gwen Wynn—Longer legs(??)
Eva Zutell—Some false teeth.
Janet Anderson—A jar of freckle cream.
Ross Briley—A coat of paint for his Ford.
Bob Doty—A marriage license.
Loren Frost—A mechanical toy.
Charles Frye—A box of reducing tablets.
Henry German—A left-handed monkey wrench.
Dorothy Ligion—A rat trap.
Marvin McAllister—A hair net.
Louis Manis—A hatchery.
Mable Moore—A tongue-tied husband.
Marie Rice—A pet skunk.
Otha Harper—A nap after each class.
James Cox—A correspondence course in hod-carrying.
Felix Knight—A night in June and her.
Forrest Swofford—Some rat poison.
Farmer Taylor—An alarm clock to let him know when a period is over.
Beulah Phemister—A role in "The Light Fantastic."
Arlie Bain—A Romance that excels Romeo's.
Thurlow Bannister—A Frankfort mama.
Berton Bauer—A bungalow for two on a farm in Texas.
Max Bayless—A wreck-proof Lizzie.
Osco Biggs—Tuition paid to a beauty school.
Otto Biggs—A hole in a doughnut.
James Campbell—A mustache cup.
Addison Blair—Free rides to Buckner.
Alice Britton—A heavy date with Charles Frye.
Carmen Brown—"Mr. Barber, cut it short and curly."

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Lester Carraher—A near beer recipe.
Lenore Clayton—Some cosmetics.
Dennis Clinton—A permanent, permanent wave.
Thelma Clinton—To be a hardboiled librarian.
Louise Crawford—A place on the high honor roll.
Doris Dillon—An intelligent thought.
Earle Dillon—Page Orval Page.
Meredith Dobry—Protection from the girls.
James Dollins—An all-day sucker.
Juanita Dorris—Poise.
Paul Burton—A knowledge of Physics.
Lester Doty—Longer wind.
Mary Doty—More pep.
Paul Ewing—Mary G. and peace in the family.
Louis Eovaldi—A crease for his pants.
George Buntin—Sophistication.
Alan Erwin—An indulgent mama.
James Eskew—A package of Camels.
Leona Ferguson—A ride in the Chrysler.
Lena Flach—A hobby-horse.
Minnie Fraulini—A pet monkey.
Irene Friar—A real giggle.
Laymond Gaither—An Eastern accent.
Harry Hamilton—A job as bass drummer.
Thelma Hayes—A dime novel.
Irene Hemphill—More work.
Frank Hickman—A stand-in in the Brown family.
Junior Hill—Lessons in voice culture.
Regina Hill—A Cicero Pony.
John Hodge—An airplane.
Willard Hughes—A self-starter for his flivver.
Bonnie Ingram—Correspondence course in oratory.
Bill Ingram—A bigger and better bass drum.
Beulah Johnston—A balloon.
Mary Frances McKee—A player-piano.
Maude Kearney—A crutch.
Lotta Knowles—Something.
Gertrude Kraft—Competition.
Beulah Ligon—A hamburger in tights—a weiner.
Laura Mandrell—Some white mice.
Lida Martin—A One-Hoss Shay.
Margaret Moleski—An electric curling iron.
Charles Moore—Nerve.

We hereby appoint and designate Frank Hickman to be executor of this last will and testament, feeling that he would give to said will as little attention as possible, and that it would not seriously interfere with his duties. We further request that said executor be placed under as heavy bond as can be bonded.

Susie Grromely
John H. Hodge

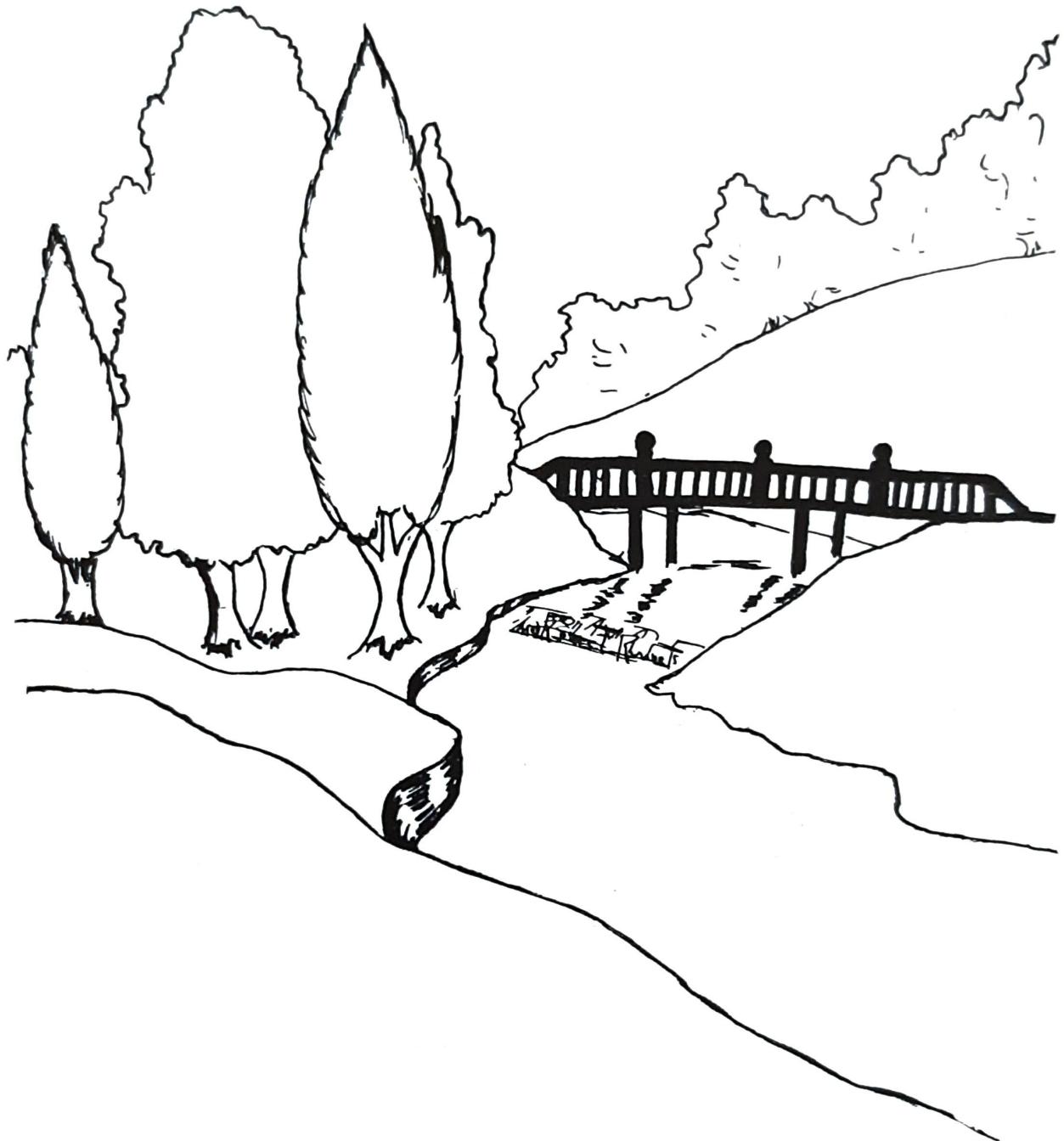
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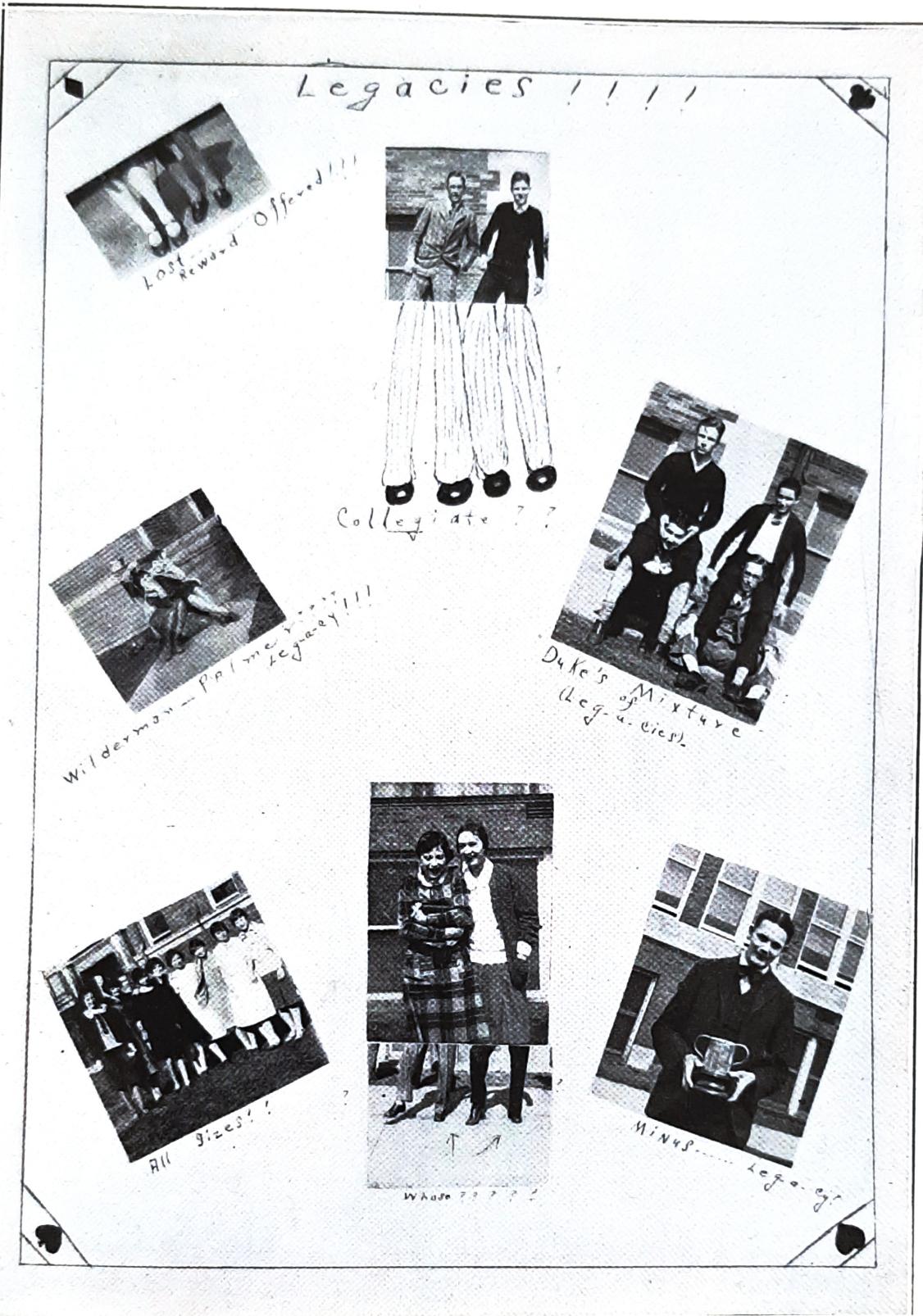


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Shy or Bashful (?)



wonder what he is looking so long at!!



Push Sliders!!



Where's his feet!!!
Find them quick!

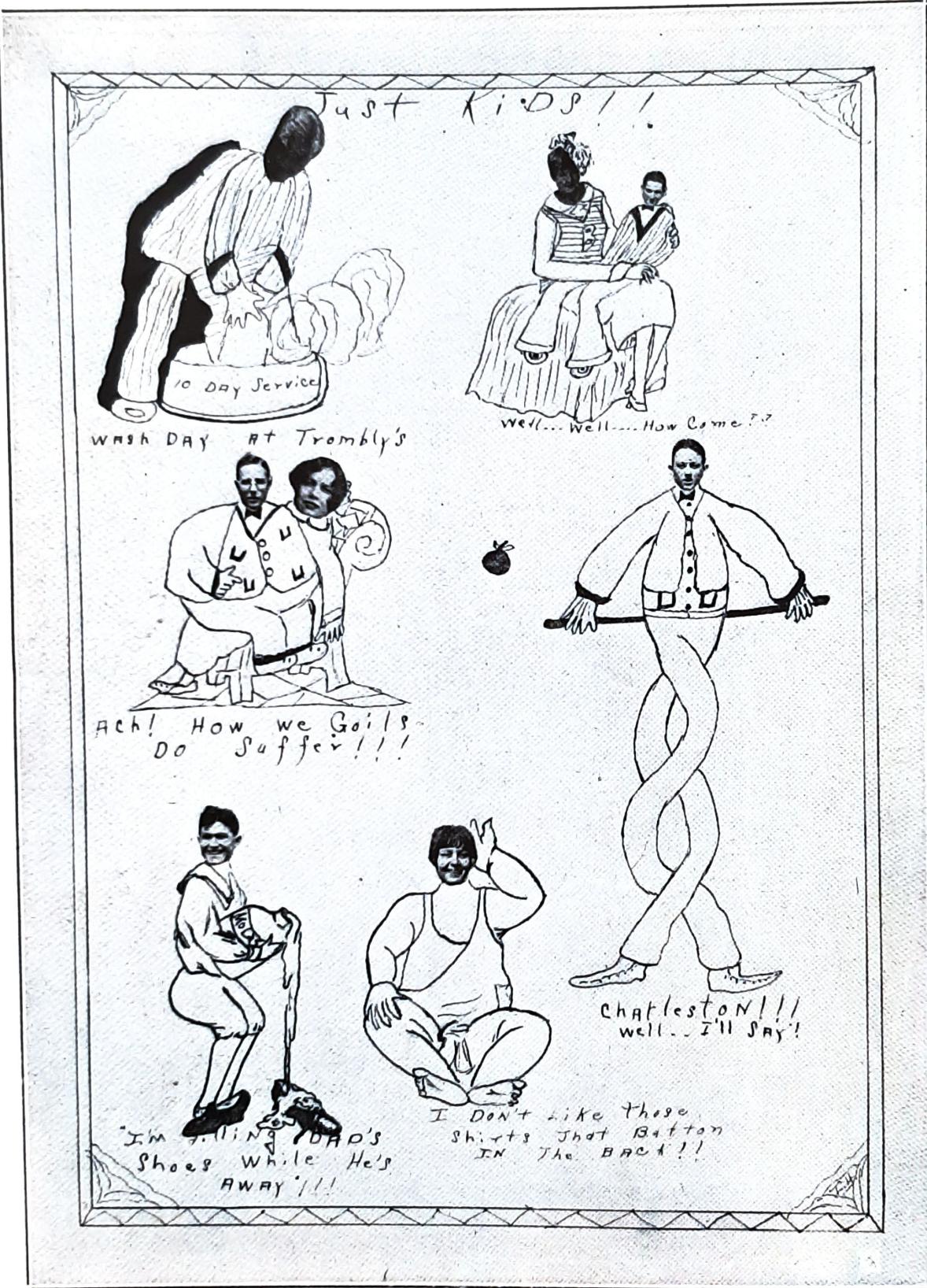
FREAKS
OF
NATURE



Awful, bash!!

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White Imps!



Class Preacher!



Debating Bob



Where's Louie?
We Wonder!



Aint She Sweet?



Over The Top



Ready Shoot!



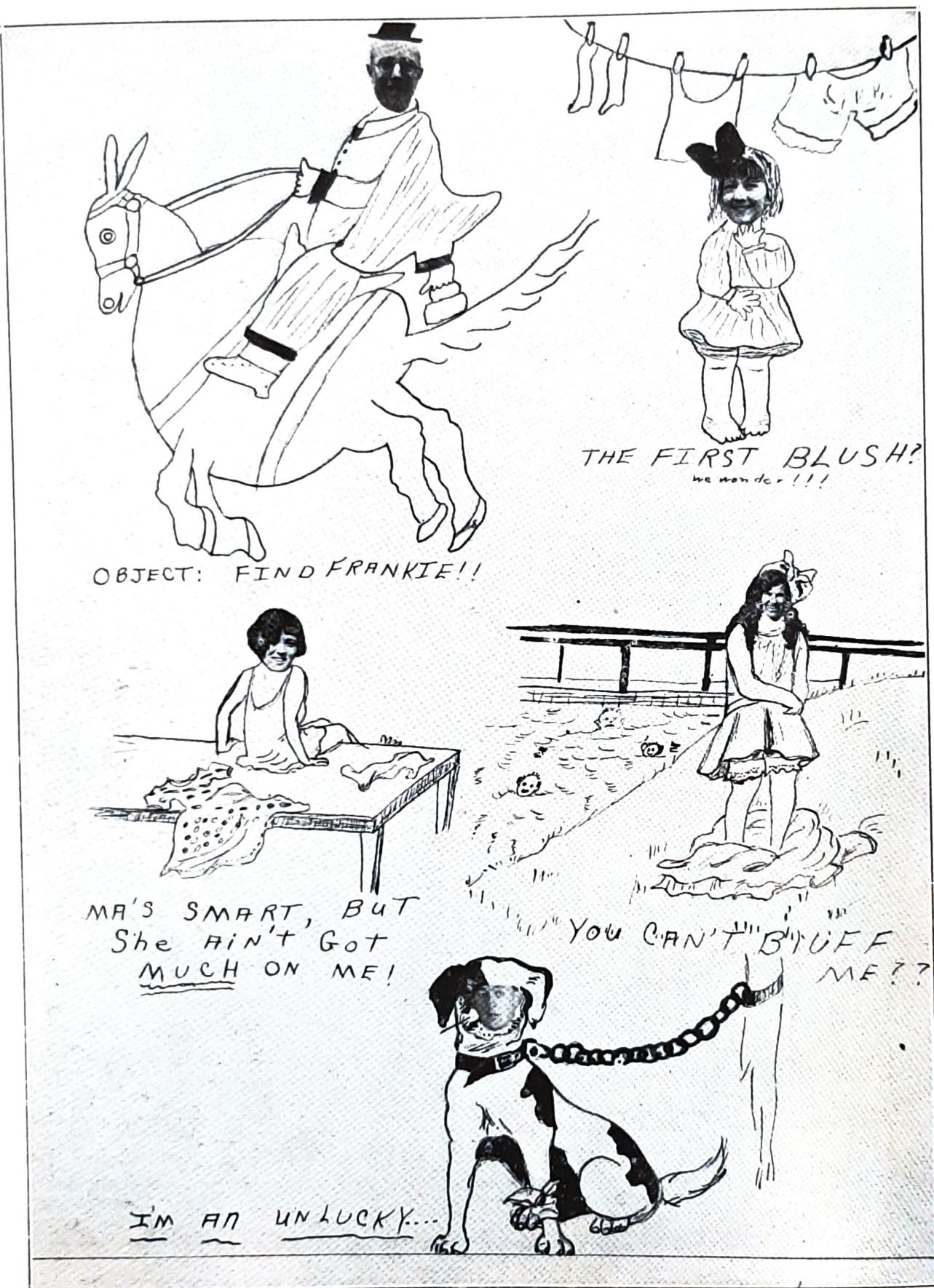
All Alone?



Flirtin!! Maybe

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JUST ODDS AND ENDS



All Dressed up!



FAMILY Group!



PARLEZ-VOUS
FRANCAIS??



ALONE!



Cut the SAUCE!



WHAT A SOUR BUNCH!



FOR SAUCE



WOOP! WOOP!
WHAT YA
DOING, GRANKE
"AL"
"B-66"



PALS



ARE YOU NARAD???



MODERN SAMSON! {SMILES!}
SPOOKY?? EH!



SHIRTLESS
JERKS



WHY'S THE
RUSH!!



Just some
MORE



"LOU"
WHERE'S
"BUCK"



Hm... John!! - m! Renie

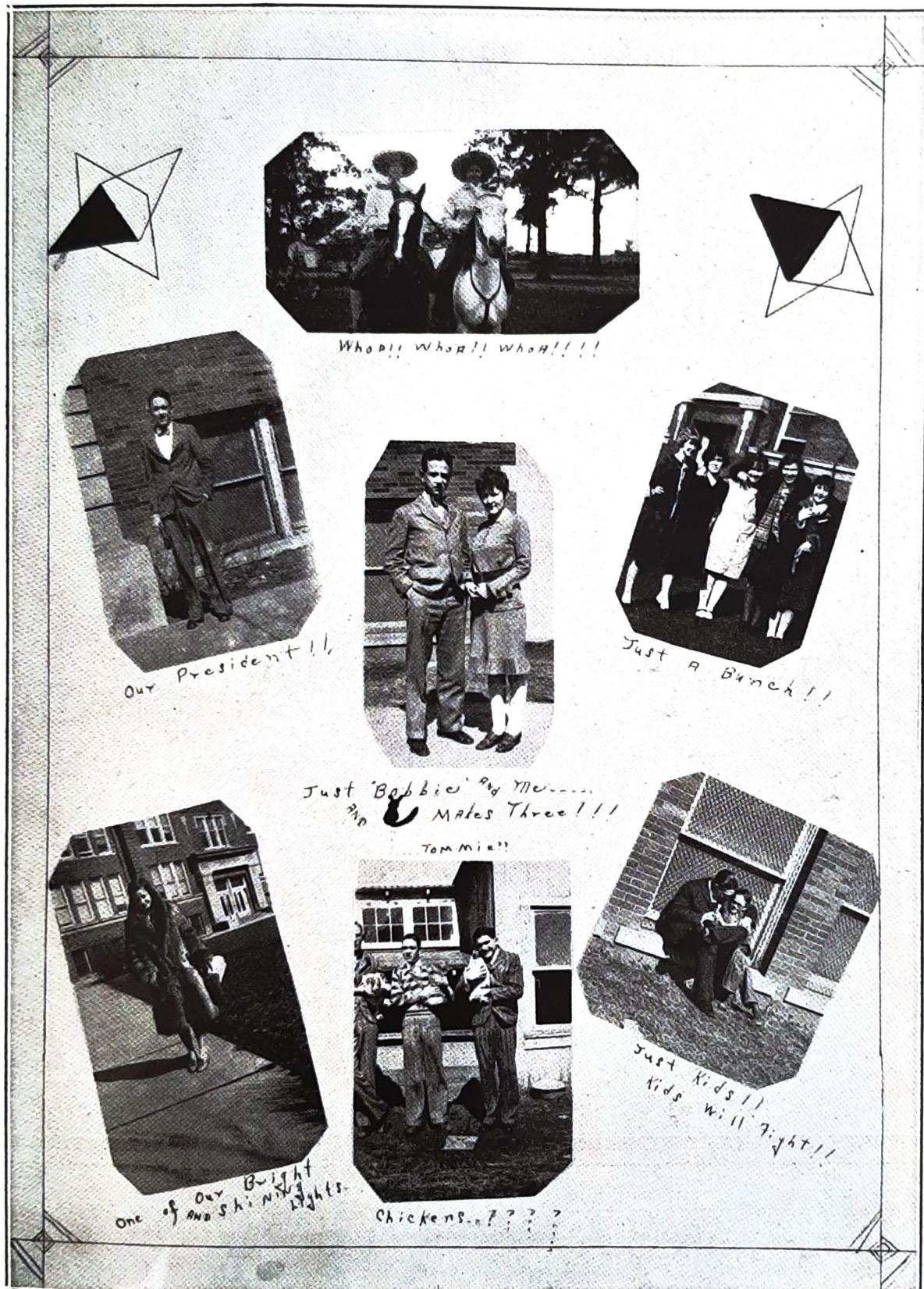


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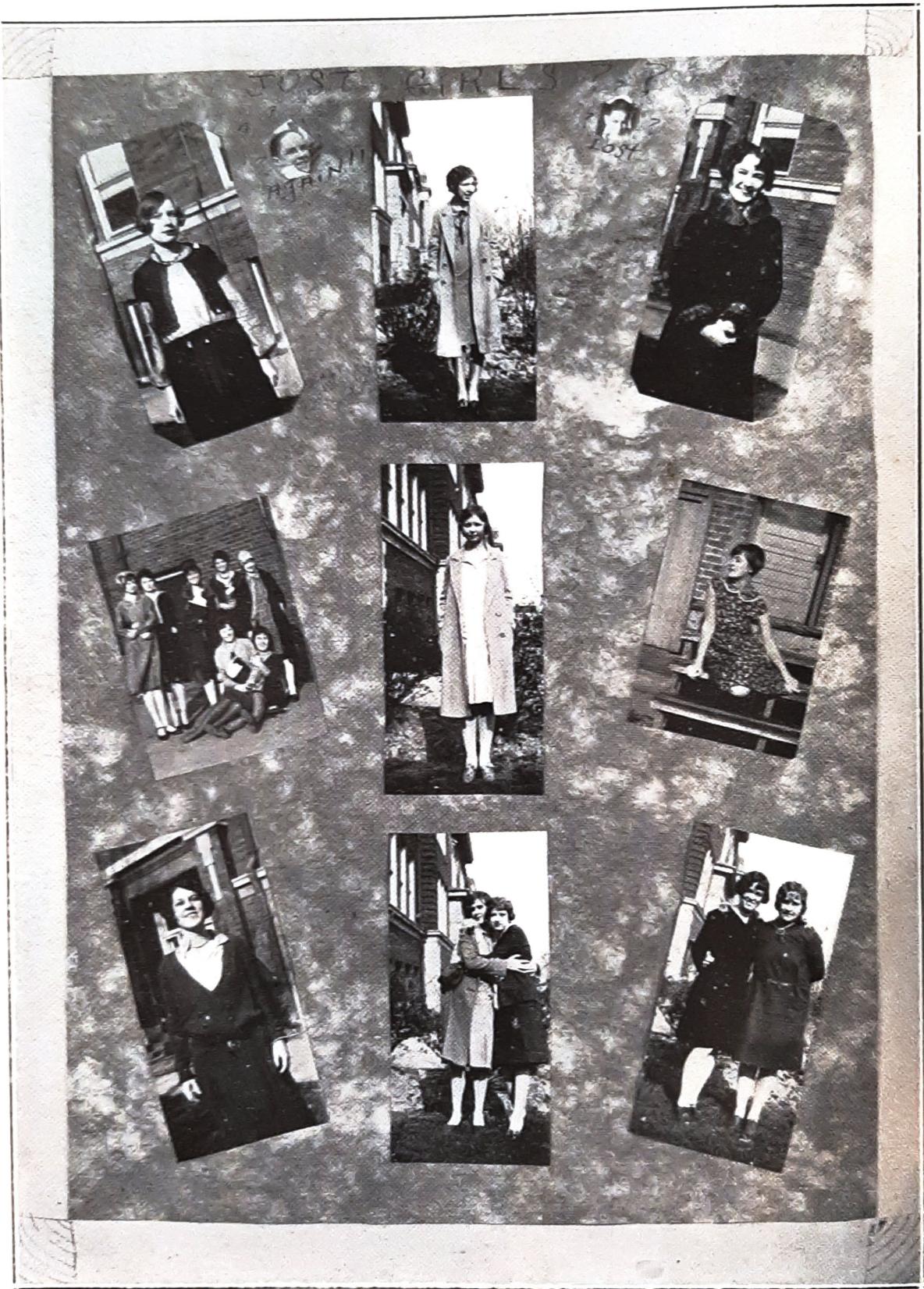
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Junior Senior Banquet 1927

On the evening of May 31, 1927, the Junior class with the supervision of Miss Hart and Miss Hochhalter, had transformed the gymnasium into a charming garden.

Lovely music greeted the guests as they entered. A delightful fountain surrounded by green leaves and moss gave a cooling and refreshing atmosphere to the room. The ceiling was in pale color of pink and green. Soft, shaded light transmitted a gleaming glow of color.

Delicious food in three courses was served by waitresses in dainty pink and green aprons.

Between courses, a welcome was given by Thomas Rotramel, and was answered by the Senior President, George Burkhardt. Then followed a very entertaining program.

Everyone left declaring that this was the most successful and impressive banquet they had ever attended.

Junior Basketball Banquet

In the spring of our Junior year we gave a banquet for the basketball squad in the cafeteria. Mr. Hanna, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tabor, the school board, the entire basketball squad, and a great number of the Juniors were present.

A welcome was extended by our President, Irving Tromb'y, after which a saxophone solo was rendered by Eph Kelley, accompanied by Carmen Brown.

Talks were given by members of the School Board, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Tabor, and members of the squad.

The program was very interesting, and the food was very delicious.

Who's Who In The Senior Class

Most popular girl—Bonnie Ingram.
Most popular boy—Bob Doty.
Most representative boy—Max Bayless.
Most representative girl — Bonnie Ingram.
Most congenial boy—Bobbie Armstrong.
Most congenial girl—Regina Hill.
Handsomest boy—John Henry Phillips.
Prettiest girl—Josephine Swofford.
Cutest boy—Wayne Samuels.
Most dated boy—Meredith Dobry.
Most dated girl—Roberta Stewart.
Greatest flirt (boy)—Meredith Dobry
Greatest flirt (girl)—Freeda Williams.
Most modern boy—Alan Erwin.
Most modern girl—Juanita Dorris.
Cleverest boy—Frank Hickman.
Cleverest girl—Carmen Brown.
Best actor—Max Bayless
Best actress—Bonnie Ingram.
Most popular athlete—Wayne Samuels.
Most industrious student — Mary Frances McKee.
Laziest student—Otha Harper.
Biggest nuisance—Orville Potter.
Most popular man teacher — Mr. Smith.
Most popular woman teacher—Miss Hochhalter.

Junior Senior Prom

On May 28, 1927, the Junior-Senior Prom was given at the Benton Country Club, in honor of the departing Seniors.

The Club was very prettily decorated and the couples danced to the strains of a delightful orchestra.

Amid the merrymaking, delicious refreshments were served, after which the room was transformed into a mass of floating color consisting of balloons, confetti and many small favors.

Not until the soft notes of Home Sweet Home were played did the Juniors and Seniors with their guests depart.

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DRAM





Stray Cats

Cast

Dick Skinner	Irving Trombly
Kitty Baker	Freeda Williams
Tom Skinner	Thomas Rotramel
Harry Skinner	Bobbie Armstrong
Wanda Taylor	Louise Crawford
Jennie Long	Opal Wilderman
Leona Brooks	Bonnie Ingram
Office Boy	Thurlow Bannister
Rev. Patterson	Frank Hickman

The plot is centered around three cousins, Tom, Dick, and Harry Skinner. A rich uncle, lately deceased, leaves a will providing that if Dick is married by midnight of a certain date, he is to receive four and one-half million dollars. If he is not married, the money is to go to Tom Skinner, and if he, in turn, is unmarried, the money will be given to the third cousin, Harry Skinner.

Tom is a middle-aged, unromantic lawyer. Dick is a young photographer who cannot imagine himself in love seriously enough to marry. Harry is an extremely uncouth farmer.

Dick, thinking he cannot find a wife, proposes to three friends, none of whom he is in love with. At the last minute he realizes that he is in love with his office girl, Kitty. He proposes to her, but, since she is seemingly fourth choice, she does not accept. The other three all accept at once. Tom marries, as does Harry

At 11:57, with three minutes to go, Dick finally persuades Kitty to marry him. They are married and win the four and one-half millions of dollars.

Wanda Taylor and Jennie Long, who fail to get husbands out of the deal, are found to be the "Stray Cats."



An Afflicted Man

Cast

An Afflicted Man	Max Bayless
His Fiancee	Laura Mandrell
Her Guardian	Regina Hill
His Butler	Frank Hickman
The Landlord	John Paulavish
The Bill Collector	Casey Sims

Mr. Jenkins is having a very hard time getting his bills paid up and is continually being pursued by collectors of various kinds. To make things worse, he has a date for the afternoon with his hoped-to-be wife, and he finds that his valet has sold his things in payment for his services.

To complicate matters still further a collector from the tailors takes part of his one remaining suit until he pays them.

In the meantime, he is bewailing the fact that his rich uncle doesn't hurry up and die, so he can be relieved of all his worry.

He tells his landlord he has the gout and can't see him, and tells his sweetheart, Isabella, that he has the tooth-ache and can't go out. She brings her dear aunt along and comes to see him. About the same time, the landlord arrives and complications set in.

By skillful manipulations he manages to get the landlord and the aunt engaged, and he gets the girl of his dreams.

Then a telegram comes saying his uncle has died and left him his entire fortune. As the play ends, Jenkins decides that now he has no cause for being "an afflicted man."



Good Medicine

Cast

The Doctor	Max Bayless
His Wife	Genevieve Rea
The Rich Lady	Carmen Brown

Doctor Graves and his wife are finding difficulty in making ends meet. He has just graduated from school and has not yet built up a practice. In fact, he has been selling his medical books to get money to purchase food.

A lady, who says she has every disease known to mankind, comes to his office to be examined. He examines her,

but fails to find a single symptom of disease. She insists that she is ill, and he insists that she is not.

She turns out to be the millionairess, Hetty Sage, and is looking for a new chief-of-staff for the new Riverview Hospital. She says he is the first doctor in town who hasn't said she was sick just to get her money, and asks him if he will accept the position at fifteen thousand dollars a year. The offer almost floors him, but he retains enough of senses to reply, "Yes!"

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No Sense Nohow

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The audience decided that it had more than received its money's worth.

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The Far Away Princess

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The Princess	Bonnie Ingram
Student	John Henry Phillip
Her Maid	Regina Hill
Frau Von Haldorf	Helen Stilley
The Frau's daughters	Lida Martin, Eva Zutell
Inn Keeper	Beulah Phemister
The Servant	Alice Nance
A Lackey	Paul Ewing

The Far-away Princess hadn't much of a plot to it. John Henry Phillips

a student, was in love with Bonnie Ingram, the Princess, whom he had never seen.

They met at a mountain resort, and learned each other's identity. After becoming convinced that they loved each other, the Princess went away and never returned.

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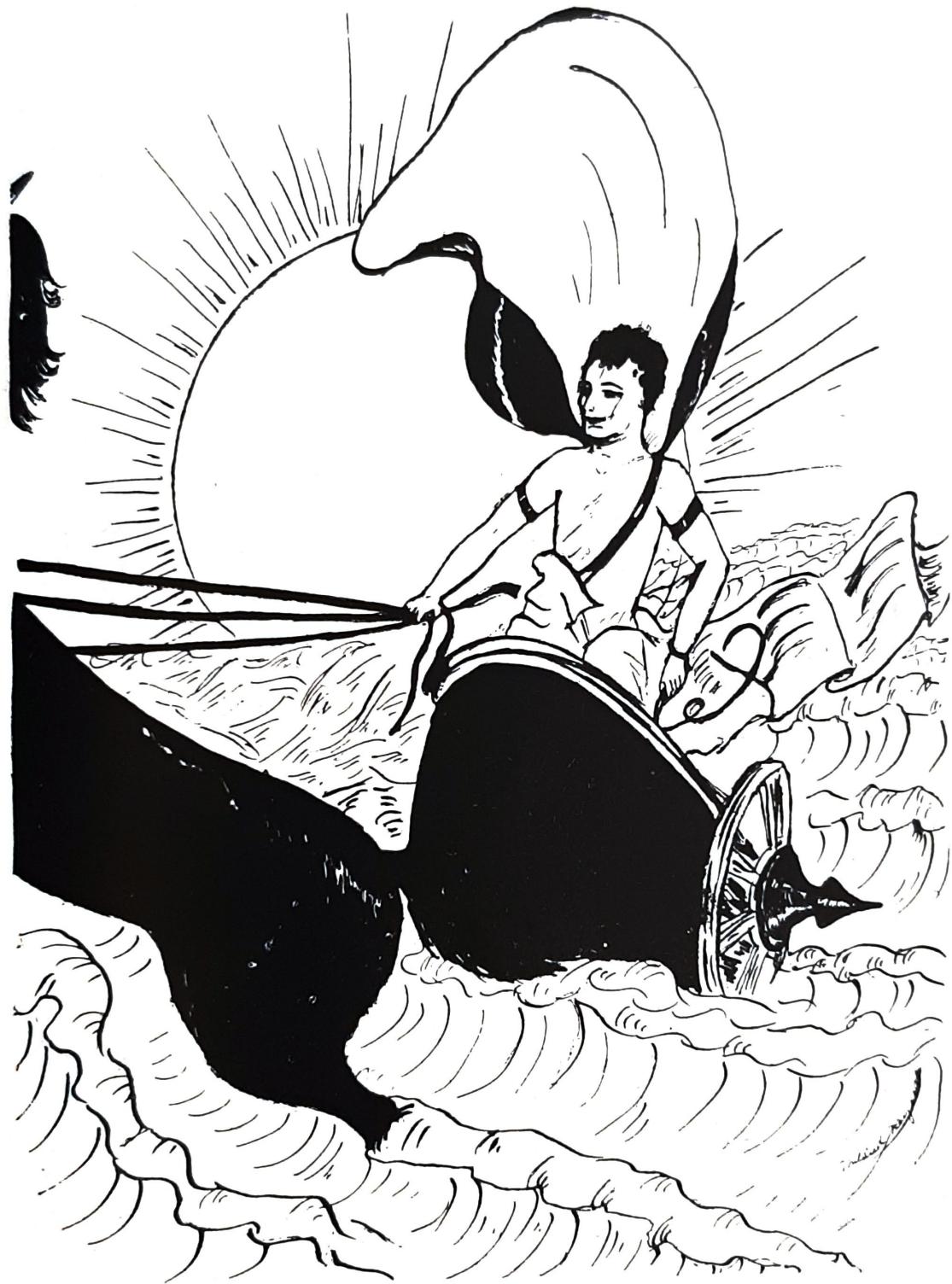
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ATHLETICS





Top Row Right To Left: Vancil, Rea, Crawford, H. Miller, Coach Tabor; Middle Row: Hodge, Foulk, Runnels, Danks, Roberts, Fray, J. Miller, Swofford, Dobry; Bottom Row: Manis, Eskew, Munday, Capt. Doty, Harper, Samuels, Henry.

District and Sectional Champions

The results of teamwork and cooperation were again realized when the Ranger Basketball squad dribbled to a Little Twelve Conference Championship finishing with a perfect score of no conference defeats. Our captain was Robert Doty, one of the best guards in the State. A fast breaking offense was used which completley dazzled the opposing teams. Here, again, Tabor showed his coaching superiority. Doty, Harper, and Samuels will be lost to the team by graduation this spring. The boys of the second and third teams also deserve some credit for their ability and help.

We feel very glad that it was during our Senior year that our team won its

first district and sectional tournaments. Of course we are not glad that Benton had never before won a tournament, but we are proud of the fact that three of the five members of the team which overcame the feeling that we couldn't win, were also members of our Senior Class.

Bob Doty was acknowledged to be one of the best, if not the best, high school guard in the state, while Teenie Samuels was thought to be the fastest high school man to ever have played on the gymnasium floor at Champaign.

Otha Harper, playing his first year, was, too, a great asset to our team.

We are proud of them all, but especially of our Senior boys.

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Hodge

Samuels

Doty

Swofford

Harper

Captain Robert Doty *Bob*

Bob's good judgment and reasoning proved excellent in the most crucial moments of the games. His guarding, also, was an important factor in the season's success.

Otha Harper *Otha*

Otha's jumping and work under the basket was extremely beneficial to the team's success.

Paul Swofford *Swineford*

Although this was Paul's first year on the squad, he showed up well as reserve guard and forward.

John Hodge *Johnny*

Under the disadvantage of starting later than the rest, Johnny proved his ability by making the squad and playing an excellent game as reserve forward.

Wayne Samuels *Teeny*

Teeny's floor work and stellar shooting always made him one of the outstanding players on the floor. He was little but mighty.

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Senior Football Men

Top Row: Ewing (manager), Coach Tabor, Captain Samuels, Perry, Frye, Doty, Bannister (manager). Bottom Row: Dobry, Swofford, Phillips, Ingram, Jones, Gaitner.

The Rangers fought their way through a very successful football season, losing but one scheduled game, and that to Murphysboro, winner of the Southern Illinois Championship. Coach Tabor developed one of the fastest backfields of his career with Samuels acting as captain. There were a number of Seniors who played their last season in the cleats of Ranger uniforms, consisting of the above named and our All State End "Bob" Doty. We expect to hear more of these grid warriors in future years.

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Senior Track Team

In spite of the fact that the 1928 track team had little backing from the student body, it made a very creditable showing in some of the meets.

The first meet of the season was with Johnson City. Benton won by a large score. The following Saturday the team went to the County meet at West Frankfort. Had Benton been able to place some men in the 50 yard dash we would have won the meet. West Frankfort was first, Benton second and Christopher third. At the Herrin Relays we repeated our last year's performance by winning the two mile and distance medley relays.

West Frankfort won the meet, with Benton second. Our fourth meet was at McKendree. The distance medley relay composed of Bayless, Hood, Fray and Mooneyham won and cut thirteen seconds off the record. The Big Seven Conference meet was held at Herrin. The team failed to come up to its standard and took fifth.

West Frankfort entertained athletics from all Southern Illinois in the district tryout. Mooneyham, our star miler, was the only man from Benton to compete at the state meet at Champaign.

JOKES



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Charlie Moore: "Do you know how to make a peach cordiale?"

Bill Ingram: "Sure, send her some candy."

Harry Hamilton: "What kind of a radio have you?"

Laymond Gaither: "The railroad type—whistles at every station."

Lewis Manis: "How did you break your wrist?"

Wilburn Lipscomb: "Changed my mind in an Automat Restaurant."

Marvin McAllister (applying for a job in a butcher shop) "How much will you pay?"

Eutcher: "Three dollars a week. Can you make yourself useful?"

M. M.: "What doing?"

Butcher: "Can you dress a chicken?"

M. M.: "Not on three dollars a week!"

Malvern May: "See here, Waiter, why can't I have soup if I want it?"

Waiter: "Sorry sir, but we have orders not to serve soup while the orchestra is broadcasting."

Marie Rice: "Use the word cantilever in a sentence."

Wayne Samuels: "Oh, why can't I leave her alone?"

Landlady (to Miss Hargrove) "Will you have some pie?"

M. Hargrove: "Is it customary?"

Landlady: "No, it's apple."

Mildred Reynolds: "I'm going to learn the crawl stroke. It's so useful."

Paul Swofford: "How come?"

Mildred R.: "Well, when I swim too far out and get tired, I can always crawl back."

Naomi Sneed: "Why don't you brush your teeth?"

Eugene Ward: "You can't fool me. There isn't any hair on 'em."

Linda Reummler: "Why are onions good for us?"

Margaret Runnels: "Onions keep us well, because when we eat them no one comes near us to give us any germs."

Beulah Phemister: "Can you draw?"

Thomas Rotramel: "A little—why?"

Beulah P.: "Well then, draw closer."

Old Skinflint: "Here boy, what's this you are shouting? 'Great swindle—sixty victims;' I can see nothing about it in this paper."

Bert Phillips: "Great swindle—sixty-one victims."

Pearl Neunlist (to druggist): "Have you any Life Buoy?"

Druggist: "Just set the pace, lady."

Rhea Palmer (in public taxi) "Home James!"

Taxi Driver: "What do you mean Home James?"

Rhea P.: "Oh very well, then, 'Home Jesse James!'"

Prof. Hanna: "Why are you so late to school this morning?"

Oesco Biggs: "I dreamed I was watching a ball game and it got so exciting that I thought I'd stay and see the finish."

Grandma (to Orville Potter) "Now go to sleep, Orville. Remember there is an angel watching over you."

Orville P.: "Angle, don't be so conceited."

John Paulavish: "What did David get after he fought Goliath?"

Clarence Parkhill: "Sixty per cent of the gate receipts and a chance to meet the winner of the bout between Cain and Abel."

Forrest Swofford: "How did that man make his millions?"

Roberta Stewart: "He put fenders on grape-fruit spoons."

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The only thing that comes to him who waits is whiskers.

Loren Frost: "Dear, I'm sorry we quarreled this morning; will you forgive me?"

Earle Dillon: "Where are you phoning from?"

Loren Frost: "A jewelry store."

Earle D.: "Yes, I'll forgive you."

Some men are born meek and others get married.

Paul Burton (writing letter): "Dear Father, I need \$200 at once. I'm really ashamed to ask for this and am praying that you do not receive this letter."

Father: "Dear Son: your prayer was granted; I did not receive your letter."

George Buntin: "I've got one of those 'How to Make Love' books. It says I must take my girl's hand and say 'Mabel I love you.'"

Lenore Clayton: "Well?"

George B.: "It isn't any good. My girl's name is Lizzie."

Jaames Dollins (writing letter): "Dear Editor, How can I make anti-freeze?"

Answer: "Hide her winter underwear."

Beulah Lgion: "Are you going to hear the lecture on appendicitis Saturday night?"

Lorene Lovan: "No, I'm tired of these organ recitals."

Alice Britton (watching the movies) "You never make love like that."

Dennis Clinton: "But that fellow is getting paid for it."

Maggie Moleski: "Is she dumb?"

Helen Morris: "Dumb? Why she is so dumb that she thinks you can play hookey from a correspondence school by sending them an empty envelope."

Nobody ever whitened his own name by blackening another's.

Mr. Tabor (giving a lecture on charity) "Lester, if I saw a boy beating a donkey and stopped him from doing so, what virtue would I be showing?"

Lester Doty: "Brotherly love."

Addison Blair: "Was the banquet a success?"

Otto Biggs: "Rather! Two of the speakers swallowed fish bones and couldn't say a word."

Miss Kittenger (to fair athlete) "Now then, your next exercise will be with the dumb-bells."

Leona Ferguson: "My goodness, I thought the boys had a separate class!"

Helen Williams (reading sign over box office) "Oh Arlie, it says 'Entire balcony 35c.'"

Arlie Bain: "What of it?"

Helen W.: "Let's get it so we can be all alone."

Eva Zutell (to Berton Bauer) "Oh you needn't think you are so wonderful. The night you proposed to me you looked absolutely silly."

Irene Friar: "Do you take exercise after your bath?"

Thelma De Vere: "Rather! I generally step on the soap as I get out."

Jean Williams: "Why are the two fingers on your right hand always cleaner than the rest?"

Frank Johnson: "Those are the two I whistle for my dog with."

Max Bayless: "On what day of the year do women talk the least?"

Henry German: "The shortest."

Sunday School Teacher: "Who was it saw the handwriting on the wall?"

Hank Hickman: "The landlord."

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Edith Paxton: "Did you miss me while I was gone?"

Harold Perry: "Were you gone?"

No man is good enough to govern another man without that man's consent.

Joe Kenneth Neal: "He cleaned up a big fortune in crooked dough."

Bessie Nangle: "Counterfeit?"

Joe K. N.: "No, pretzel manufacture."

James Cox: "Thinking of buying some shirts or pajamas?"

Eddie Whaley: "Gosh no, the only thing that fits me ready made is a handkerchief."

Smitty: "At your age, how did you ever get that ball spot on your head?"

Prof. Hanna: "Well, just between you and me, my hair fell out."

To be born a gentleman is an accident, but to die one is an achievement.

John Hodge: "When are you going to shave?"

Meredith Dobry: "Not until Saturday."

John H.: "What is coming off Saturday?"

Meredith D.: "My whiskers."

Eph to Homer Jones: "Why so melancholy, old man?"

Homer: "Marjorie turned me down last night."

Eph: "Well brace up, there are others."

Homer: "Yes, of course, but somehow I just can't help feeling sorry for the poor girl."

Elizabeth Tucker: "What is your definition of an optimist?"

Charles Lee Teague: "A fellow who looks at his shirt that has just come back from the laundry and says, 'Oh well, we needed another lace curtain anyway.'"

Myretta Smith: "I've got an idea."

Helen Stilley: "I'll bet it's a good one. Beginner's luck."

Josephine Swofford: "I just came in from Jack's funeral."

Pauline Taylor: "Is he dead?"

Josephine S.: "Well, if he isn't, they sure played a dirty trick on him."

Velma Ward: "I'll let you and Fay Warren and eight other girls in on my secret."

Opal Wilderman: "Ten, all told?"

Velma W.: "Yeh, ten all told."

Do you remember way back when the barber was good at conversation?"

Nowadays he has his mouth so full of invisible hairpins he can't talk.

Miss Arends: "Why don't you answer me?"

Alice Quillman: "I did shake my head."

Miss A.: "Well, do you expect me to hear it rattle way up here?"

Mary Doty: "Robert, did you water the fern?"

Robert Doty: "Sure, can't you hear the water dripping on the carpet?"

Janet Anderson: "What makes you so uneasy? Is your conscience bothering you?"

Bobbie Armstrong: "No, it's my winter underwear."

James Campbell: "So you're distantly related to him?"

Lester Carraher: "Well, our dog is their dog's half brother."

Thelma Clinton: "Is she lazy?"

Doris Dillon: "Lazy? Why she puts popcorn in pancakes so they'll turn themselves over."

Miss Hargrove: "What did Paul Revere say after finishing his great ride?"

Casey Sims: "Whoa!"

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Paul Slaton: "Why do you think that rolling pin is no good?"

Farrell Sneed (who has been reading funny papers) "Because when I hit that kid on the head with it, it didn't say 'pow.'"

Juanita Dorris: "If a robber got in the basement would the coal chute?"

Ross Briley: "No, but the kindling wood!"

Mabel Moore: "What sort of a position do you hope to get?"

Louis Eovaldi: "As nearly horizontal as possible!"

Paul Ewing: "You think I'm quite a wit, don't you?"

Mary Frances: "Well if I did, I'd be just half right!"

Regina H.: "Don't you know anything about literature?"

Thelma H.: "Sure, I've written to all the tooth-paste companies for it."

Alice N.: "I pride myself that honesty is printed on my face."

Dorothy S.: "Well-er-yes, perhaps with some allowance for typographical errors."

Mr. Doty: "Well, Bob, what's a parasite?"

Bob: "Dad—this is how it is: A parasite is a guy who walks through a revolving door without doing his share of the pushing."

Father: "What is your favorite hymn?"

Lena Flack: "The one you chased over the fence last night."

Killing time is not punishable by law but it carries a heavy penalty.

Bonnie Ingram: "Conductor, that was my station; why didn't you stop?"

Conductor: "We don't stop there no longer, ma'am; the engineer is mad at the station agent."

Laura Mandrell: "Do you really love me, Bill?"

Bill Ingram: "Gosh, woman, what do you think I'm doing, shadow boxing?"

Thurlow: "So you really want me to call, do you?"

Freeda: "Oh yes, I've been so lonesome since my gold-fish died!"

Miss Hill (in cafeteria) "Soup?"

Gwen Wynn: "Is it good soup?"

Miss Hill: "Yes, fourteen carrot."

Irving Trombly: "Why do you call me pilgrim?"

Lou Crawford: "Because every time you call you make a little progress."

Beulah Johnson: "Is Irene Hemp-hill working now?"

Otha Harper: "Yeh, making up jokes."

Beulah H.: "Working for a magazine?"

Otha H.: "No, in a beauty parlor."

Mary Wiiki: "What's the matter with you?"

Myrne Wilson: "Eyes tired."

Mary W.: "Such terrible grammar. You should say 'I am tired.'"

Genevieve Rea: "Is John Henry polite?"

Carmen Brown: "Yes, indeed! Every time he passes you in his car he takes off the radiator cap."

Willard Hughes: "I have a breaking out all over my face."

Felix Knight: "Rash?"

Willard H.: "No, beard."

Oral Terhune: "You must be careful about politeness in the movies nowadays."

John Taylor: "What now?"

Oral Terhune: "Last night I stood up to let a woman pass and she slipped into my seat."

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Mother: "Didn't I tell you to notice when the milk boiled over?"

Carmen B.: "Yes mother, it was a quarter past nine."

Paul B.: "Hooray! Mr. Newton said we would have a test today rain or shine."

Joe K. N.: "Well!"

Paul: "It's snowing."

Junior H.: (To irate farmer over who's pig he has run) "Sir, I shall replace that pig."

Farmer: "Boy, you flatter yourself."

Miss Hart: "What was the first thing James IV did when he came to the throne?"

Bill I.: "Sat on it, I guess."

"Mirandy, why y'all name dat chile Opium?"

"Cause, de say Opium come from de wild poppy and dis chile's sure am wild."

Mr. Aremtrout: "Harold, find the weight of that hollow block in example H."

Harold P.: (After serious thought) "Was that block empty?"

Mr. A.: "Some are."

Miss Hochhalter: "What student was so rude to laugh out loud?"

Thurlow B.: "I laughed up my sleeve but there's a hole in my elbow."

Roberta S.: "Could you go over that dam without hurting yourself?"

Gwen W.: "I dunno, why?"

R. S.: "Fish do."

Minnie: "Are these doughnuts fresh?"

Waiter: "I don't know. I've only been here a week."

Charles Frye: "That girl over there is a magician."

Gertrude Kraft: "You mean that she gets a rabbit out of a hat?"

Charles F.: "No. She gets a fur coat out of an egg."

Harry H.: "Yoo Hoo! Dennis wouldst thou play checkers widst me?"

Dennis C.: "Now Harry! You know I detest games of Brute strength."

Allen E.: "I can't see my hand in front of my face."

Edward W.: "Ye Gods! What's the matter?"

Allen: "Tisn't there silly."

Armentrout: "How would you tell the height of a tower by a barometer?"

John H. P.: "I'd lower the barometer with a rope and then measure the rope."

Chas. Moore: "I can go with any girl I please."

Tom R.: "The trouble is you don't please anyone."

Buck: "Say something soft and sweet to me dearest."

Lou C.: "Custard pie."

Frank Hickman deposits nickle in pay station phone.

Operator: "Number, please!"

Frank: "Number nothing, you give me my chewing gum."

"Did you ever hear about the absent-minded professor who rolled under the dresser and waited for his collar button to find him?"

Paul S.: "This sulphur makes my hand smart."

Armentrout: "Suppose you put it on your head."

Alan Erwin: "Give me a title for my next song."

James Eskew: "All right, 'She may not be your maple sugar, but you will always be her sap.'"

Lotta Knowles: "Loan me five dollars."

Mabel Johnson: "Sorry, but I only have \$4.75."

Lotta K.: "Gimmie that; I'll trust you for the other quarter."





Southern Illinois Debating Teams

Affirmative: Capt. Junior Hill, Bobbie Armstrong, and Dennis Clinton with George Buntin alternate.

Negative: Capt. Max Bayless, Thelma Clinton, and Basil Akin with Vernon Lampley alternate.

For the fifth time Benton has entered the Southern Illinois Debating League which is composed of about twenty of the strongest high schools in Southern Illinois.

On February 21, 1928, the schools were grouped in triangles for debates on that day. Benton, Opdyke and McLeansboro were in the same triangle.

McLeansboro withdrew, leaving Benton and Opdyke in a duel debate. Our affirmative team won from Opdyke's negative here, and our negative team lost to Opdyke's affirmative there. Our teams were coached by Mr. George Moore, who worked with the teams consistently. His counsel was well received by the teams.

The members received as a reward for their work the gold B's given by the school.

With the exception of Basil Akin and Vernon Lampley, all members are Seniors.

Caesar And Brutus At A Basketbhll Game

"Good morrow, Julius, how is thy health today?"

"Tis well, Brutus, but Ha! who comes here? Look ye, where do they all haste to?"

"I know not, but let us follow them. What strange people be these Fly, my lord! and look ye closer where ye walk! You were nearly be-strewn upon the pavement by that rumbling chariot."

"Oh, Brutus, I have seen tempest, when the scolding winds have riv'd the knotty oaks; but not till tonight did I go through such an aging experience as that."

"But hold, Caesar, they go into this immense temple. Shall we follow them thither?"

"Aye, since we have no better disposed of our time."

"But hold, look ye the immense hall! And such a babbling of voices falls upon mine ear!"

"I think 'twere well we should haste away, Brutus. But hold, let us tarry a minute longer and see! The ten men out there look more like the Old Romans than any that I have seen for some time!"

"Thou hast said it well, Caesar. We shall see what is to be seen."

"What a strange noise, Brutus! And look ye how they get into formation. It must be a tournament!"

"Aye, it must be a tournament."

"Wherefore, Brutus, do the men strive to wrestle the ball with each other?"

"I do not comprehend it, Caesar. However, may I ask you wherefore do the people clamor so?"

"Brutus, 'tis beyond my thought. But listen to the great shout of the multitude even now as that big fel-

low dost succeed in flinging the ball into yonder ring."

"By my troth, Caesar, think you 'tis as exciting as our tournaments?"

"I know not how to answer that. 'Tis yes and no."

"But look ye, Brutus, why stand they there idle and let that fellow try to pitch the ball into the ring when even now they were trying to keep him from it?"

"Tis a very strage and foreign game to me, Caesar. But what puzzles me is why the clamor and noise of the people hath ceased so abruptly."

"But they do shout louder than ever now. Aye, Brutus, 'tis a very strange game."

"But even now they stop. Look! They are all lying down! They must be going to cease already. But no, the people stay. Let us wait and see what they will do next."

"Aye, we shall wait."

"There is that strange noise again, Caesar, and now they do assemble again as before."

"They do play the same game, Brutus."

"But why do they stop the game for that? I saw him strike that fellow as fairly and squarely as ever I saw a man struck!"

"And now they stand ikele again as before to let that fellow toss the ball as he pleases!"

"I say, Brutus, 'tis a very monotonous game. 'Tis nothing like our gay tournaments!"

"Nay, Caesar, I say, let us go hence anon."

"Aye, we have tarried long enou' here."

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Office; All's Well That Ends Well.
Freshman Science; The Cradle Song.
Domestic Science; It is never too late to mend.
Tardy Students; Come ye Disconsolate.
Manual Training; Anvil Chorus.
English; As You Like It.
French; Les Marseillaise.
3:30; When Day Is Done.
Latin; Much Ado about Nothing.
Music; The Lost Chord.
History; My Country 'Tis of Thee.
Study Hall; Tower of Babel.
Bookkeeping; House of Mirth.
Library; Where Angels fear to tread.
Stenography; Comedy of Errors.
Biology; Sea Fever.
Type; The Inferno.
Physics; Measure for Measure.
Gym; After the Ball.

Ten Commandments of B. T. H. S.

1. Remember the study hours to keep them quiet, for in them thou shalt not communicate with thy neighbor and thy neighbor shall not communicate with thee.
2. Thou shalt not congregate in the halls and discuss thy classmate's new gown or who is to take thy classmate to the next lecture.
3. Thou shalt not write notes to thy best friend in thy classroom, for there is a proper time for all things.
4. Thou shalt not make noise with thy chattering and thy laughing after the bell rings, or thy teacher will descend upon thee.
5. Thou shall not linger impatiently for thy chum to hurry to class with her; but thou shalt go quietly by thyself and avoid blocking the halls and stairways.
6. Thou shalt not leave thy books unprotected in the halls, for an unseen power causes them to take flight unto the office.
7. Thou shalt not congregate in the library for study (?)
8. Thou shalt not appear in the morning before 8:40 to converse with thy teacher or neighbor, for lo, this is an exceedingly great sin.
9. Thou shalt not dance within 14 square blocks of the B. T. H. S., for "Prof." wears rubber heels!
10. All these things and many more shalt thou do, that thy days may be long and happy in the B. T. H. S.



Senior Debating Team

The Senior Class was represented in the class debates by Captain John Paulavish, Clara Stone and Regina Hill.

The Senior team met the Junior team and sent them down in defeat. The Freshman team met the Sophomore team and likewise sent them down in defeat. Then the Freshman team composed of Capt. Seba Marshall, Walstina Warren and Burle Williams, sent our team down slowly in defeat.

We take off our hats and bonnets to the Freshmen. May their souls live on forever!

B. T. H. S.



Left to Right: Mr. McKone, Miller, Manis, Hutchcraft, Jones, Ingram, McGuire, Doty, Dillon, Bain, Campbell.

We wish that it were possible for Mr. McKone to know how much we, the Senior Class, and the Staff of The Your Book, appreciates the wonderful service he has done us in printing our annual.

Had it not been for Mr. Mc Kone and his printing classes, our hopes for an annual would never have been realized, as we were unable to pay for the printing of the book.

We shall ever be indebted to you, Mac, and to the boys taking part in printing, for the book you have made possible for us to keep as a remembrance of our Senior days in B. T. H. S!

Again, let us thank you.

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